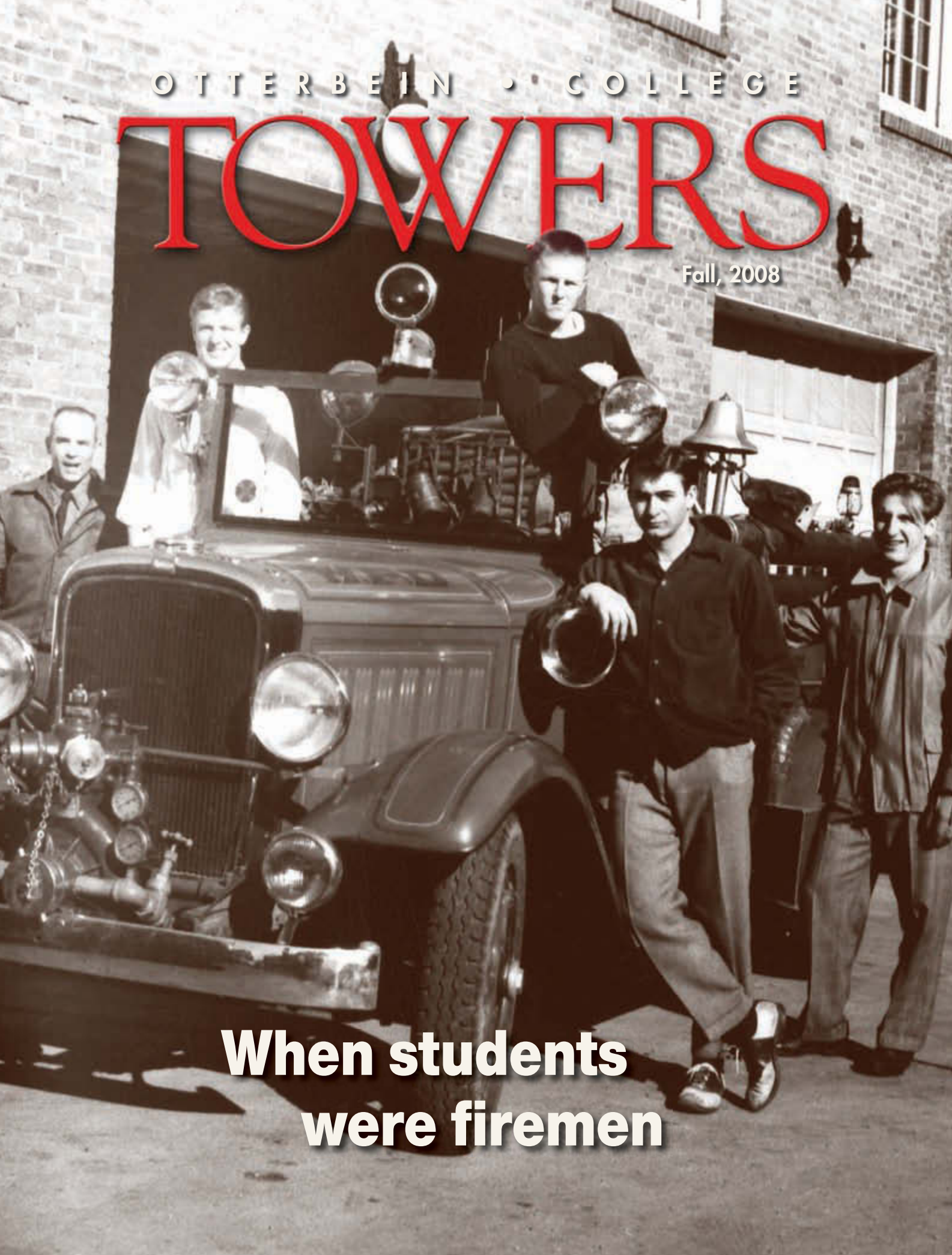


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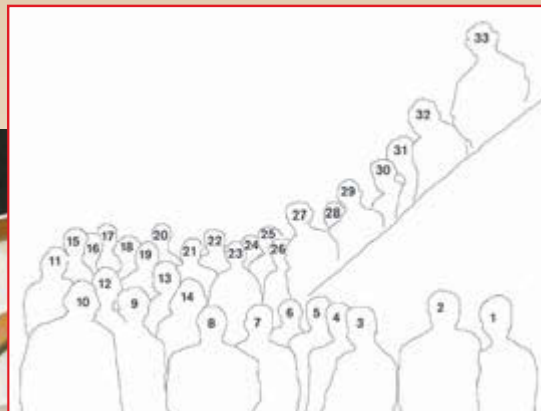
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The Quarter Century Club

A new President's Quarter Century Club was announced at the Welcome Back Dinner in September 2008. Faculty, staff and retirees who have worked at Otterbein 25 years or more were inducted and presented with a silver club pin. To find out more about the year-long celebration of "25 Years of an Engaged Otterbein," see page 4. To see a timeline of the past 25 years of Otterbein's growth and successes, please visit:

www.otterbein.edu/engaged



Here you can revisit memories and share your own experiences and photos! We look forward to hearing from you!

Otterbein Engaged in Search for Next President

Members of the Presidential Search Committee have been busy over the past months, sorting through resumes, conducting phone conversations and interviewing nine candidates to be the next president of Otterbein College.

From the nine, three were invited to come to campus for two-day visits in early November. During the visits, each person spent time touring with students as well as talking with students, faculty, staff, alumni and area civic leaders. Many forums were held to engage open dialog including questions and answers. During the visits not only did the candidate learn more about the College and its culture but the campus community

learned more about the candidates' leadership skills and vision toward higher education and the challenges presented in the upcoming years including affordability, access, and an anticipated population dip in high school students throughout Ohio.

Once the visits were concluded, the campus was asked to submit its feedback. The feedback was reviewed by the search committee. Alumni may review the resumes of the candidates by contacting Mary Kerr at mkerr@otterbein.edu or calling 614-823-1420. It is anticipated a decision will be made and announced in early December. Alumni will be notified via email and information will be immediately posted at www.otterbein.edu.

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Athletic Director Dick Reynolds with Smokey Ballenger's granddaughter, Abbey Nolder



Elaine Gonyea with former coach Guido Ricevuto

Inaugural Class Honored

Otterbein Establishes Athletic Hall of Fame

The Otterbein College Athletic Hall of Fame honored its first class of inductees during half-time at the Homecoming game on Oct. 18, 2008. The Athletic Department established the Hall of Fame to honor individuals who have made significant contributions to the success of its programs, either as athletes or in supporting roles.

"We felt it was time to start the Hall of Fame in order to honor those who deserve recognition in a way that will be a part of the history of the College," said Athletic Director **Dick Reynolds '65**.

Among the honorees are **Bill Freeman '57**, **Joanne "Dean" Van Sant H'70**, **Elmer "Bud" Yoest '53**, **Don Carlos '67**, **Jeff Gibbs '02**, **Elaine Gonyea '92**, **Edwin "Dubbs" Roush '47**, the 1933 Men's Basketball Team and the 1946 Football Team. Posthumously honored are **Vida Clements, class of 1901**, Dorothy and Maurice "Mac" McVay, **Marilyn Day '53**, **Dick Fishbaugh H'83**, **Robert "Moe" Agler '48** and **Dwight "Smokey" Ballenger '39**.

"All those who have been inducted into the first class have contributed in some manner to the athletic history of the College and the committee felt they should have the honor of being the first class to receive the highest honor from our department for making it what it is today," Reynolds said. All of the photos are from a luncheon on Oct. 18 at Homecoming. ●

You can read the biographies and see individual photos of the honorees online at www.otterbein.edu/athletics.



Elmer "Bud" Yoest with Dave Lehman



Bill Freeman



Mary Jo and Don Carlos, with former teammate Ed Harris and wife, Carol



President DeVore with Edwin "Dubbs" Roush



David Ewing '62, pitching coach for Dick Fishbaugh; George Powell, current OC baseball coach; Jeff Brindley '81, Cards catcher; Tucker Linder, grandson; Donna Fishbaugh, Dick's wife; Karen Fishbaugh Linder '80, daughter; David "Scooter" Fishbaugh '92, son; and Kathleen Fishbaugh, daughter.



Jeff Gibbs' father, Jeff Gibbs Sr.

Mr. MVP Matt D'Orazio Does it Again!

Matt D'Orazio '00, quarterback of the Philadelphia Soul, was named MVP of the Arena Football League for 2008. He also earned MVP honors in the Arena Bowl (Arena Football's equivalent to the Super Bowl) after tossing seven touchdowns, and running for one touchdown as the five-year-old team won its first ever Arena Bowl title. The win came with a 59-56 defeat of the San Jose Sabercats in Arena Bowl XXII, and marked D'Orazio's second Arena Bowl win, his first in 2006 with the Chicago Rush in which he also was named MVP.

D'Orazio was released by Chicago after suffering a severe injury to his back late in the 2007 season. After back surgery and extensive physical therapy, D'Orazio secured the backup quarterback position with the Soul for the 2008 season. When the starting quarterback was injured, D'Orazio stepped in to lead the Soul to the Arena Bowl Championship. In the regular season, he completed 301 of 416 passes for 3,331 yards and 72 touchdowns and earned a spot on the All-Arena League first team.

D'Orazio was the pride of the Otterbein Cardinals from 1996-1999, passing for 8,770 yards and 73 touchdowns, and rushing for 594 yards and 5 touchdowns during his Cardinal career. He was named First Team All-Ohio Athletic Conference, honorable mention USA Football Division III All-American and nominated for Melberger Division III

National Player of the Year award as a senior. He also was named Otterbein's most outstanding offensive back in each of his four seasons with the Cardinals. He currently holds Otterbein's season and career records for passing yards, touchdown passes and total offense.

After graduating from Otterbein in 2000 with a bachelor's degree in elementary education, D'Orazio began his pro-football career in Milwaukee, but didn't get his big break until joining the Columbus Destroyers in 2005, when he completed 205 passes for 2,268 yards and 40 touchdowns. He joined the Chicago Rush in 2006, hitting 305 of 443 attempts for 3,552 yards and 63 touchdowns. ●



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A Time of Change, a Time of Beginning and Ending at Otterbein...

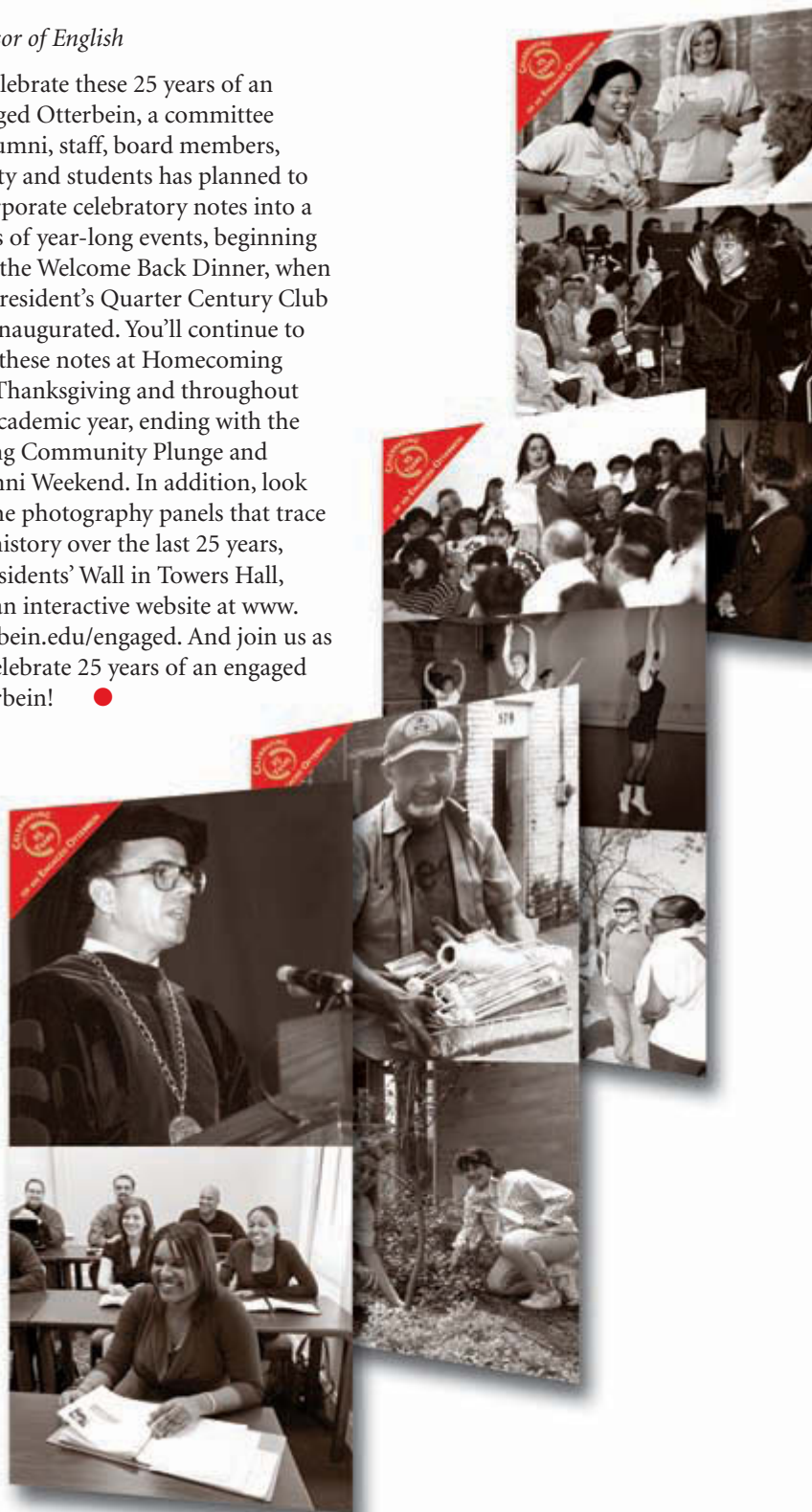
by Beth Daugherty, Professor of English

Otterbein is changing – adjusting to a different Carnegie classification, implementing a new strategic plan, switching to semesters and searching for a new president. Even more reason, then, to stop and think about where we’ve been and to celebrate a silver anniversary – 25 years of an engaged Otterbein under President Brent DeVore.

At the Welcome Back Dinner this fall, Alison Prindle remarked, “If you have, as I have, gone in to thank Brent DeVore for his leadership and congratulate him for his accomplishments, you may have heard him say, ‘It’s not what I have done, it’s what we all have done together.’” Never one to grab the spotlight, Brent DeVore has quietly and steadily encouraged us to make Otterbein excellent, but unpretentious, “*the independent college in central Ohio,*” but accessible.

Otterbein has grown and thrived over the 25 years of his tenure. We have completed three extensive self-studies and been accredited even as standards have increased. We have increased the number of regional and national grants, outreach programs, service projects, student internships, and travel opportunities. We have grown from 1,100 fulltime students and 100 faculty members in 1984-85 to 2,400 fulltime students and 170 fulltime faculty members in 2008-09. And we have enlarged and revised the curriculum, the campus, and our vision while maintaining our student-centered focus. We have become increasingly engaged – in learning and teaching, in our community, and in service.

To celebrate these 25 years of an engaged Otterbein, a committee of alumni, staff, board members, faculty and students has planned to incorporate celebratory notes into a series of year-long events, beginning with the Welcome Back Dinner, when the President’s Quarter Century Club was inaugurated. You’ll continue to hear these notes at Homecoming and Thanksgiving and throughout the academic year, ending with the Spring Community Plunge and Alumni Weekend. In addition, look for the photography panels that trace our history over the last 25 years, a Presidents’ Wall in Towers Hall, and an interactive website at www.otterbein.edu/engaged. And join us as we celebrate 25 years of an engaged Otterbein! ●



New Residence Hall Opens at 25 W. Home St.

From nursing home to residence hall, the recently renovated building at 25 W. Home St. is now home to 200 students. The three-story, 56,000 square foot building located next to Hanby Hall was purchased by the College in spring 2007 and includes office space designated as the new home of the Business Office.

During the \$4.5 million, 6-month renovation, waste from the original building was recycled, including metals from throughout the building and stainless steel kitchen fixtures. In addition, easily-replaceable ceiling and carpet tiles made from

recycled materials were installed. The residence hall was furnished with wood furniture built in Ohio by a family-owned business. In addition, by renovating an existing building, Otterbein expanded the campus in a way that is courteous to its neighbors.

Each floor has a kitchenette, study rooms, lounges, laundry facilities and a recycling center. The residents can enjoy the outdoors on a large outside courtyard and patio. Most rooms house two students, and a common bathroom is shared by two rooms. Rooms are also equipped with a sink in addition to the shared bathroom. ●



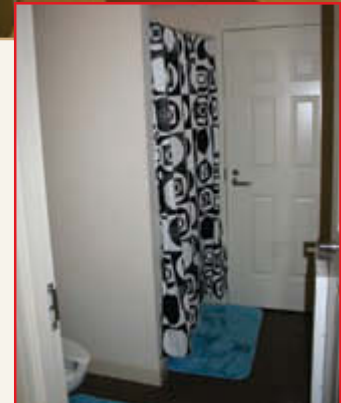
Each floor features a TV lounge (above) and kitchenette area (below).



Jenna Tumbusch and Leah Winner, both freshman nursing majors, are very happy with their new surroundings.



Each room has a sink and a full bathroom (right) is situated between two rooms.



150 Voices for 150 Years!

A celebration for 150 years of choirs at Otterbein culminated in a gala concert at the Church of the Master during Homecoming night on Oct. 18. Alumni from several different decades joined together in harmony. They were led by past choir conductors Bill Wyman, David Isele, David DeVenney, Lynn Roseberry (Hurstad) and Dennis Kratzer along with current directors Craig Johnson and Gayle Walker.

Featured was a commissioned choral work by **Robert Young '50**. The weekend included a rehearsal on Friday night in Riley Auditorium of the Battelle Fine Arts Center, followed by a social at the Old Bag of Nails on State Street.



Semester System Coming

Otterbein College will switch to a semester system in fall 2011, after the Board of Trustees unanimously approved the proposal at their Oct. 11 meeting. The College has been on a quarter system since 1968.

"The semester system will make possible the addition of learning strategies that are often not possible in quarters," said Abíódún Góké-Pariolá, vice president of Academic Affairs.

The proposal included two 14-week semesters with a 3-week January term (J-term). Students will generally take four 4-hour classes each semester, compared with three 5-hour courses each quarter. The graduation requirement will be 128 semester hours, compared to 180 quarter hours.

Under the new system, students will have more time to process and absorb information in classes. In addition, students have the

opportunity to further explore the five Cardinal Experiences, including undergraduate research, service learning, community engagement, internships/work experience, and travel abroad.

In the coming weeks, representatives from all campus administrative divisions, faculty, students, staff and administrators, will form the Semester Transition Committee to oversee the transition process.

WOBN Gets New Frequency

After a difficult up-hill battle, Otterbein College's 60-year-old community radio station has found itself a new home on the radio dial. The Federal Communications Commission (FCC) granted WOBN's application to change frequencies from 101.5 FM to 97.5 FM, and WOBN went live on its new frequency

on Oct. 15 under a temporary name, "The Wild Card."

The frequency change was necessary after a commercial radio station, KOOL 101.7, was granted permission by the FCC to relocate its transmitter from Newark, Ohio, to Columbus. The commercial frequency would overpower WOBN's frequency at 101.5, so WOBN first appealed to the FCC, and when that failed, went looking for a new frequency.

WOBN also chose to change its identity from "The Rock" after another local commercial station, "The Blitz 99.7," changed its name to "The Rock" earlier this year. The station is running a competition for its future moniker.

While it isn't a commercial station, WOBN has longevity on its side, celebrating its 60th year as the Otterbein College radio station. This is the fourth time that the frequency has changed in its history. The station



currently broadcasts from its new, state-of-the-art studios at in the Art and Communication Building at 33 Collegeview Rd. in Westerville. Over 30 students are involved with the station that also streams live at <http://ocwobn.otterbein.edu/>. The student-run station serves the entire Westerville community.

New License Plates

Ohio residents can now take their Cardinal pride on the road. Otterbein College is proud to offer new logo license plates now available from the State of Ohio BMV's Collegiate License Plate Program.

When you renew your plates in the coming year, indicate you want an Otterbein College plate. In addition to your renewal fees, an extra

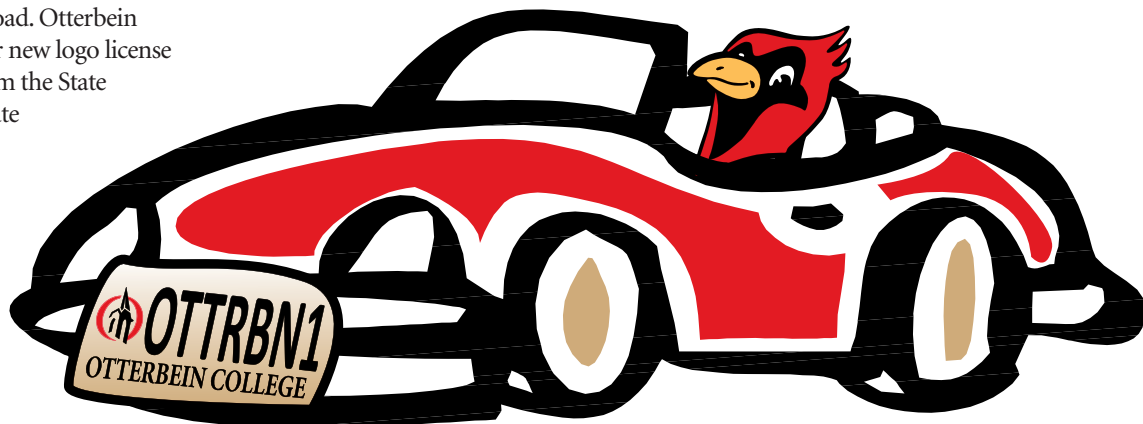
\$35 will be charged for the Otterbein plate, \$25 of which is given to the general Otterbein College scholarship fund.

If you want to order prior to your renewal, contact your Ohio BMV location for an application form or order online at www.plates.com.

Due to state legislation, Otterbein must sell 150 plates each year to receive

scholarship monies. At any time, you may revert back to a standard issued license plate; however, you will not receive a refund of the fees paid.

Living outside of Ohio? You too can ride with pride by displaying a vehicle window decal or license plate frame available for purchase online from the Otterbein College bookstore, 614-823-1364. ●



Spotlight on FACULTY

Name: Chuck Zimmerman

Title: Professor of Religion and Philosophy

Education: Ph.D. – Emory University;
M.Div. – Candler School of Theology;
B.A. – Emory University

Which particular topic do you most enjoy teaching?

I first fell in love with the academic study of religion when I was an undergraduate. Some days I could hardly wait for class to begin, and I was one of those students who always wanted to stay after to continue the discussion with my professor. My father once joked that after I discovered how exciting the college classroom could be, I simply refused to leave.

At Brevard College, I was asked to begin teaching introductory philosophy classes, and I've discovered that I enjoy that discipline as much, if not more, than the classes in religion. Indeed, if I were really to answer the question as it was posed, I'd have to say that Philosophy of Human Nature, which is offered through our Integrative Studies Program, is the course I enjoy most. But running a close second is the course in Native American religions that I was able to develop shortly after coming to Otterbein.

I would also like to add that since I've been at Otterbein, I've had the occasion to teach Religion and Philosophy to a number of students with learning disabilities of various kinds, from blindness, to Asperger's Syndrome, to reading problems, to deafness. It seems necessary if Otterbein is truly to be a "college of opportunity;" one can't be content to teach only those for whom learning comes easily and naturally. Some of the proudest moments in my professional career have been the notes I've received from these students. "In your class I got to believe in myself, and

to be proud of myself," one of them wrote. Life doesn't get much better than that for a teacher.

Why should every person you meet want to know more about your area of expertise?

Religion is one of the most potent forces shaping the world we live in. In the 21st Century, human conflict, both on the small and large scale, is increasingly fueled by religious and cultural differences. Ethnic cleansing in the Balkans, persecution of the Baha'i faith in Iran, the insurgency of Hindu Tamils against a Buddhist majority in Sri Lanka, and Christian sectarian violence in Ireland are only four examples of nearly 20 conflicts in the world today that have been sparked at least in part by hatred growing out of religious differences. At home, Columbus is a destination for immigrants from all over the planet. There is, for instance, a rapidly growing Somali community here. As of last count, students attending Westerville's public schools come from homes where one or more of 52 different languages are spoken! Anyone who hopes to arrive at a global understanding of the human situation really needs to know something about the religions human beings practice.

What projects are you currently working on?

At present, I'm preparing an article on two Christian women who were martyred in Carthage early in the third century. Carthage was the third largest city in the Roman Empire and was situated on the coast of modern Tunisia. One of these women, Perpetua, was a young mother who came from a wealthy family, but who had converted to Christianity over her parents' vehement objections. The other, Felicitas, was her personal slave. While in prison, Perpetua experienced a series of dreams that

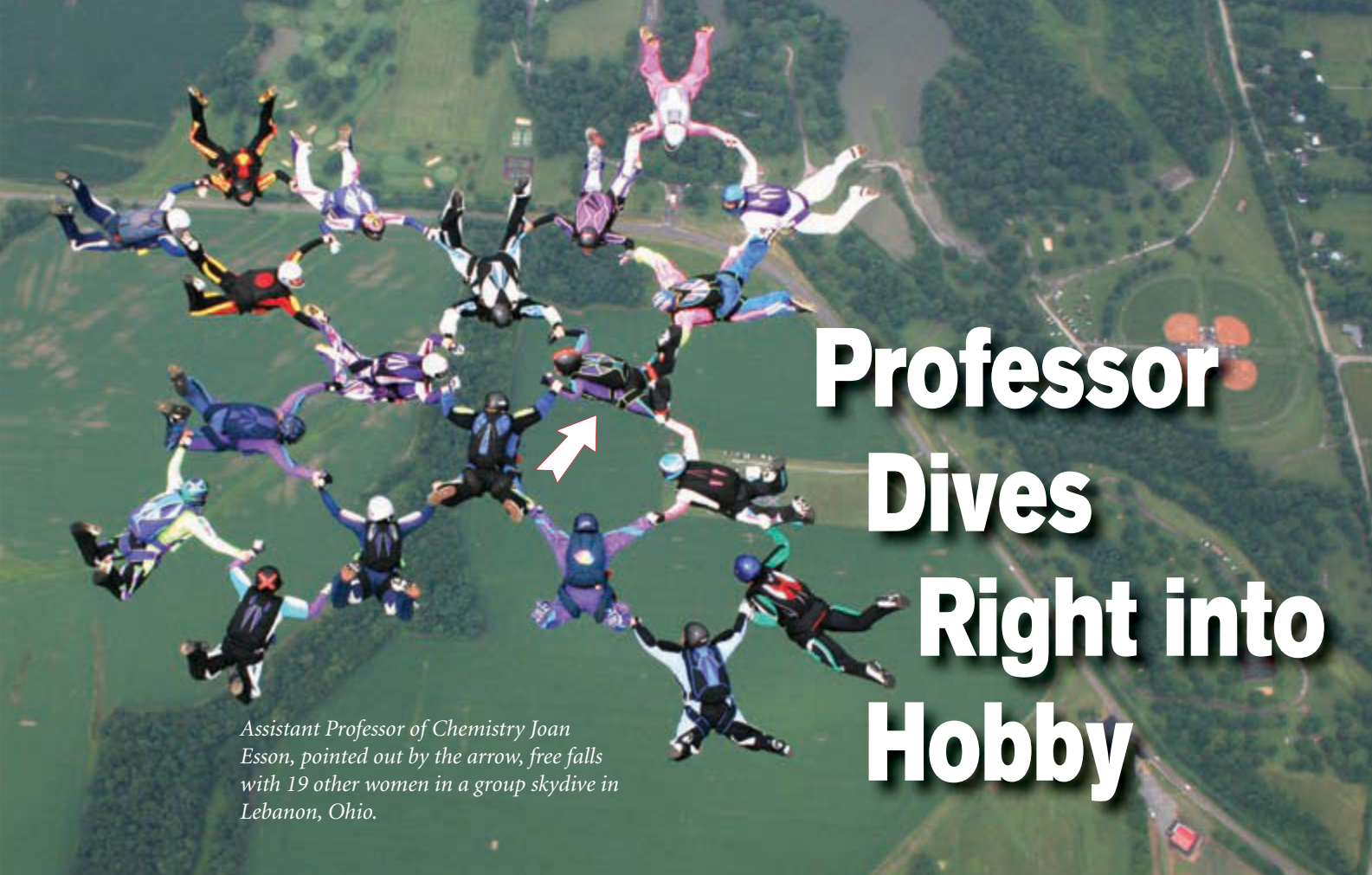


*Professor of Religion and Philosophy
Chuck Zimmerman*

marked her out as unique among her fellow prisoners. Early Christians often regarded their more vivid dreams as being divinely inspired, and treated them as the most important kind of prophecy. The account of these young women's trials and deaths not only narrates these dreams in detail, but also provides a fascinating glimpse into the Christian church at Carthage during this period.

What are some of your hobbies outside the classroom?

I guess it goes without saying that reading is near the top of that list. I sometimes have two or three books going at the same time, a biography, some history, some fiction. I also enjoy building models – the more intricate and detailed, the better. I've scratch built an HO scale locomotive from brass, and enjoy painting military miniatures. I sometimes take ribbing from friends about the seven-foot model U-boat in my workshop, but they're just jealous. Since my wife is an avid birder, I've also become something of a bird-watcher, partly out of self-defense. Mostly though, I just enjoy the long rambling walks through the many parks available to us here in and around Westerville. ●



Professor Dives Right into Hobby

Assistant Professor of Chemistry Joan Esson, pointed out by the arrow, free falls with 19 other women in a group skydive in Lebanon, Ohio.

Joan Esson Shoots for Skydiving Record

Some professors have interesting hobbies, but Joan Esson takes her hobby to new heights. Esson, an assistant professor of chemistry and biochemistry, organized a new skydiving record for the state of Ohio this summer. On July 12, 2008, she and 19 other women jumped out of two airplanes at Start Skydiving in Lebanon, Ohio, and linked up together in the air to form both the largest official women's skydiving formation in the state of Ohio and the largest official skydiving formation in the state ever certified by the United States Parachutist Association. Esson is a part-time skydiving instructor at Start Skydiving.

"I started skydiving in 1997 and have a little over 1,350 jumps currently," said Esson. "Although my mom would say I was a daredevil even as a toddler, the thought of skydiving never crossed my mind."

She was introduced to skydiving through a friend, and first tried a tandem jump, in which she was connected directly to an experienced jumper. "I don't think I would have gotten out of the airplane without him helping me out the door," said Esson. "But after we left the plane, I loved it! It is such an amazing experience. Because you need to be so focused on the moment, it is actually a very relaxing experience for me."

While Esson finds relaxation in skydiving, she also enjoys the challenge. "I want to break records to challenge

myself to become even better and to do something that very few others have," she said. "Although the percentage of women skydivers in the U.S. is about 15 percent of all skydivers, we have many amazing women at my home drop zone. I looked around one day and thought, 'Hey, we have the talent here to lay a base for breaking Ohio's record for the largest female skydiving formation.'"

Esson brought together women skydivers from throughout the region and ultimately, 20 women linked up in the air together to set the new Ohio skydiving record. "I was happy to have set the new record, but I'm always looking for what is coming next and what new goal I can set. Currently I am trying to get on the world record for the largest all female skydiving formation. The current record stands at 151 women all linked together in the air at the same time, and the next attempt, scheduled for Fall 2009, will be at least 175 women."

"In addition to setting a record, the group also raises money for breast cancer research. During the 2005 record, the group raised over a half million dollars," Esson said.

"Although I have over a thousand skydives, jumping in such a large formation requires advanced skills and attention to safety so each jumper must prove to the organizers that she is ready for the experience." ●



photo by Greg Beers

Presidential Campaign Comes to Otterbein

Excerpted from the Tan & Cardinal by Fallon Forbush and Nick Wood

Over 6,000 supporters from Central Ohio gathered at Otterbein's campus on Oct. 19 as Republican presidential candidate Sen. John McCain stopped to rally at the Rike Center.

McCain discussed topics such as taxes, "Joe the Plumber," the economy and the troops at war.

At times he spoke sternly of the problems the country is currently facing, while a good portion was spent attacking his opponent.

A spirited and thunderous crowd gave way to the *Rocky Balboa* theme song. But not everyone came out in support of McCain's battle cry for victory.

Junior international business major Micaela Coleman said, "It helped me to further dislike him. All he does is bash Obama."

Still, others like Westerville resident and veteran Florence Fawley felt that McCain's rally on campus was just what supporters needed to hear.

"He's got it," Fawley said. "I already voted for him a week ago."

Brandon Cross, president of the Otterbein Republican's Club, also was satisfied with the turnout for the rally.

"This was a huge opportunity for Otterbein College and we were very happy to help out," said Cross.

Logistically, the rally on Sunday drew out efforts from a wide range of Otterbein faculty and staff.

Director of Campus Security Larry Banaszak said that Otterbein Security "worked closely with the Secret Service and the Westerville Police to develop a security plan. The agent in charge complimented Otterbein Security and the Westerville Police Department for all our efforts in making the event go smoothly without any problems."

Jennifer Pearce, executive director of the Department of Marketing and Communications, was another part of the rally planning on campus.

As a contact between the campaign and the College, Pearce said that the

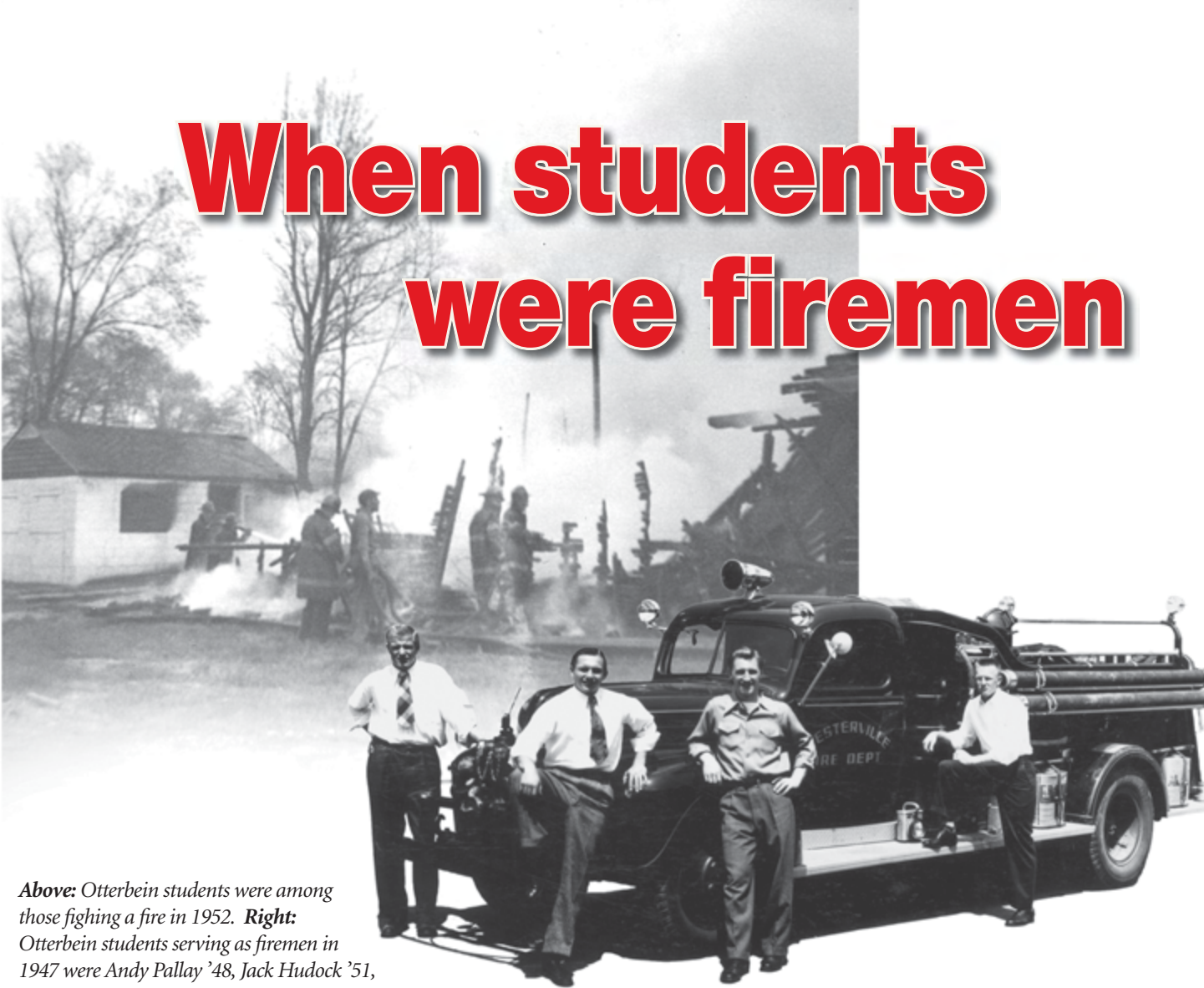
McCain-Palin campaign contacted Otterbein directly through the Student Affairs Office about hosting the rally.

"Having a presidential nominee visit our campus was an honor," said Pearce. "There were over 73 national and international mentions about the rally being held...on the campus of Otterbein College," Pearce said. "The rally brought national and international exposure to our campus and Westerville."

It also didn't cost Otterbein anything out of pocket. The campaign paid for security, fire, police and air conditioning, as well as all Otterbein staff overtime and labor and the rental cost of Otterbein facilities.

Mayor of Westerville Anne Gonzales, Franklin County Coroner and House candidate for the 19th district Brad Lewis, State Representative Kevin Bacon, Congressman Pat Tiberi, and former Ohio Attorney General Betty Montgomery also spoke at the rally. ●

When students were firemen



Above: Otterbein students were among those fighting a fire in 1952. *Right:* Otterbein students serving as firemen in 1947 were Andy Pallay '48, Jack Hudock '51, Dick Bridgman '49 and Joe Carlisle '50.

In exchange for room and board, students served as volunteer firemen

by Jeana Harrington '10

In September of 1931, **Fred Peerless '32**, **Robert Albright '33** and **Samuel Capper '34** became the first of 54 Otterbein students to volunteer with the Westerville Fire Department.

As night watchmen, they lived directly over the firehouse at 21 S. State Street, with a room, board and food bill that was expected to not exceed \$36 per month. In return, they managed the phones every night and helped protect the city from fires.

"The boys were chosen for their ability and dependability and are expected to make a success of the job," according to *The History of the Westerville Fire Department*. "They

are under strict orders and will not be permitted to make their room a hang-out for other students."

According to **Dick Bridgman, '49**, who began volunteering in his sophomore year, the men had charge accounts at two groceries, Kroger and Rita's Market, and one at a local bakery.

"I ate better there than any time in my whole life," said **Joe Carlisle '50**, who volunteered alongside Bridgman. Each man was responsible for their own breakfast and lunch, and they took turns making dinner and cooking on weekends.

When the program started, at least two of the three men had to sleep at the firehouse and be on duty from

6 p.m. to 7 a.m. Their living quarters, including a living room, bathroom, kitchen and bunk beds, were directly over the fire house, connected by a slide pole.

In 1947, the program was amended to add one more student fireman. With four positions open, one man from each Otterbein class would participate.

"A senior would graduate and their position would be filled with a new freshman," said **Stan Ickes '53**, who volunteered his sophomore and junior years, and again after college. If a student did not return, their position would be filled by another member of the class.



***I'm a Fireman.** Stan Ickes '53 is ready for any emergency.*

"They looked for students who needed help with school, with paying room and board," said Ickes, who heard about the position through word-of-mouth. There wasn't heavy recruiting or an application process, he said, positions were simply filled by those interested.

Along with the four Otterbein volunteers were the fire chief, fire captain, lieutenant and no more than 12 volunteers.

Also in 1947, the department got a new truck and two-way FM radios so that 27 pumpers, three inhalator squads and more than 400 men from surrounding counties could be called to any point necessary for assistance.

"We felt like first class when we got that," said Bridgman.

As Westerville built the program, it also jumped in class ranking. Communities were ranked from class 1, representing near perfection protection, to class 10, the poorest or unprotected areas. By 1954, Westerville was ranked class 5, the best fire protection rating in Franklin County, except for Columbus, which was class 4. This was a major improvement from the class 7 ranking it had held since 1938.

This increase was a result of five years of planning and activity, the

addition of new equipment and facilities, and thorough training techniques.

Training was every Friday and ranged from learning firefighting techniques to going over a map of Westerville to learn the city limits. Occasionally they practiced using carbon-tetrachloride, which was used for grease in kitchen fires.

"They didn't burn any buildings for us to practice on or anything like that," said Ickes. "We did a lot of hose work and ladder work and learned how to hook everything up."

Carlisle added that sometimes they went to different houses to practice hooking the hose up to the pump.

Bridgman said they often went to the city park to practice on grass fires and learn about techniques. "The training helped us learn a lot of the basics," he said. "Also, when we went to the fires, we watched what others were doing and we learned from that."

While training was helpful to the volunteers, Carlisle said that when the siren sounded, "Your heart

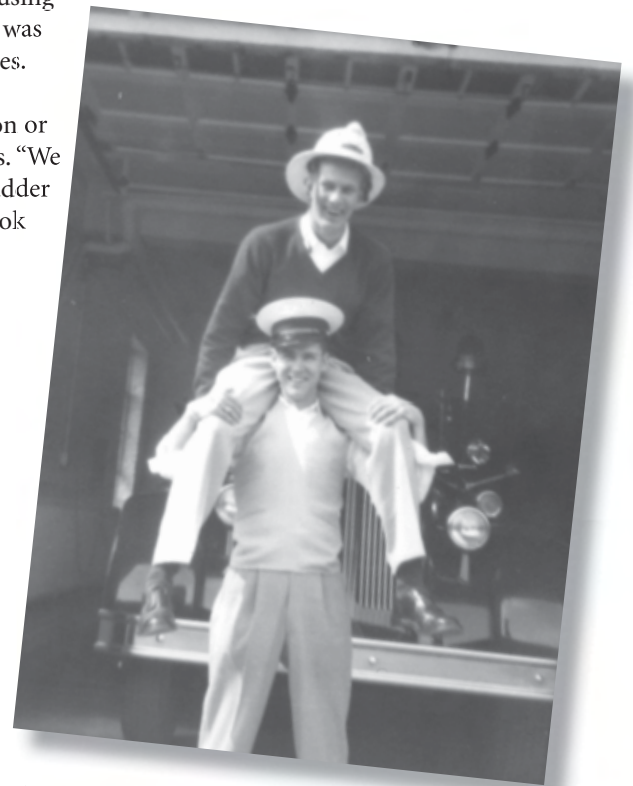
jumps, your adrenaline goes and you get a little worried."

Bridgman also referred to the beginning of his years as a "heart-throbbing time," especially before they had much training.

Ickes, however, remembered being excited the first time he was called. "They thought we were well-trained enough to put us out on the truck," he said.

With beds next to the phones and radios, the student firemen took turns managing the calls throughout the night. "We would take the call, push the siren to alert everyone and write the location on a chalkboard for the other volunteers," said Carlisle. "Then we'd start the truck and head off."

According to Bridgman, the trigger button was right next to the phone, so the minute a call was received, they sounded the alarm.



John Burns '59 and Stan Ickes '53 clown in front of the firehouse at 21 South State St.



Charles Neilson '54 (deceased) John Burns '59 and Darrel Davis '58 hang out in front of the students' apartment at the firehouse.

When the program started, the other volunteers had to first report to the fire house to get the location of where they were headed, which added to their response time.

In 1962, a new dispatch system was installed. "A spin of one digit on the dial alerts the firefighters with a distinctive ring of their home phones. Each of the 19 phones rings until answered in a staccato tone – different from the normal tone to indicate an emergency. The fire station siren, sounded in recent years for fire alerts, will be used to supplement the alert system," according to *The History of the Westerville Fire Department*.

The students knew the location of the closest fire hydrant for every area, so after the others were notified, one student's job was to ride on the back of the truck and jump off to hook up the hose.

At every fire, the most important safety measure was to always use the buddy system; "We never went in alone," said Carlisle.

The men spent their nights in the fire house, but "it wasn't just a night job," said Ickes.

Bridgman agreed. He said, "If the siren went off, we could hear it wherever we were. Whatever we were doing, we dropped everything and left."

Ickes added, "We had kind of a competitive thing to see who got there first."

"We used to joke about when the bell went off and the men jumped out

of their seats whether or not they were really all members of the force," said **Jane Morrison Horn '50**, a close friend of Ickes, Bridgman and Carlisle.

When fires occurred during school hours, professors understood that the volunteers needed to get there as quickly as possible.

Bridgman recalled one alarm during an 8 a.m. religion class, where he nearly knocked over his professor when leaving the building. "He told the class after I left that I had renewed his faith in the fire department," he said.

Carlisle said he "prayed for that alarm to go off" during class.

Fires ranged from small, grass fires that didn't do much damage to entire buildings burning down in minutes. *The History of the Westerville Fire Department* noted everything from barns struck by lightning to exploding appliances to spontaneous combustion. Damage estimates ranged from a few hundred dollars to over \$20,000. "Most of our calls were just grass fires," said Bridgman, "but we had some pretty serious fires too."

According to Bridgman, they calculated around one fire on average per week.

He recalled one major fire at McVay's Furniture where a whole storage warehouse burned down. "It was a really disastrous fire," he said.



Visiting students liked trying on the hats and sliding down the pole.

That was also Carlisle's first fire. He saw what was happening and volunteered to help out, and after learning about the volunteer program from Bridgman, he ended up moving in as the student fireman for his class.

Another difficult task was "country fires," which according to Bridgman could take around 25 minutes to get to. He recalled once rescuing a semi-truck that had caught fire on Route 161, which was undeveloped land at the time. "We had a lot of country to cover," he said.

The student firemen were always on call to respond to an emergency, but also had a lot of down time at their apartment.

When relaxing in the station between duties, "we played a lot of euchre," said Carlisle. "No girls were allowed in the apartment. We had

Dick Bridgman
'49 mans the
phone at night.



to tell the City Manager everything we did and he had to approve everything.”

Ickes also said they became acquainted with other members of the fire department, around 20 people.

“What an experience to be working with these men clearly older than us,” said Carlisle. “They gave a lot of insight into the profession.”

He also said the volunteers became like children to the Fire Chief, Floyd Freeman, at the time, saying “He really was like a second father to me.”

Aside from quality time spent with the rest of the department, the men took turns cleaning the apartment.

“It taught us responsibility,” said Bridgman. “There were always two or three of us particular about keeping the place clean.”

According to Carlisle, they had to clean their furnace, regulate the water and keep the coal fireplace burning – when they weren’t busy taking calls and responding to emergencies.

Not only were the boys on duty with the fire department, but they also took calls and helped out with

the police as well, whose station was housed in the lower level of the building.

“We fed the people in jail downstairs cold cuts,” said Carlisle. They occasionally helped out with police demonstrations as well.

Bridgman recalled when a call came in, they would throw the circuit switch so that all of the traffic lights blinked simultaneously and the policemen would know to report to the fire house to help. Participating in fire demonstrations was a common duty as well.

The History of the Westerville Fire Department noted one demonstration in 1958 that was “real dandy.” First, two trucks of firemen showed the pressure of their hoses, by “turning them loose” with a barrel as the target. As pressure built, the barrel rose from the street and spun like a top. “This demonstration is a very unique show to watch according to Chief Freeman. It is an act that calls for exactness of pressure as well as skill,” according to *The History of the Westerville Fire Department*. The demonstration

was followed by tours of all facilities and another public demonstration of all police and fire equipment, and “For your entertainment, the fire department will hold a water fight on East College Avenue.”

No matter what the task at hand, “When we worked, we worked hard, but we had a lot of fun,” said Ickes. However, being in the program wasn’t all fun and games. Firefighting, like anything else, comes with its difficulties as well.

“The hardest part was losing someone,” said Carlisle.

Ickes said, “Seeing the destruction of buildings... that you didn’t like to see.” Each man agreed the fires that weren’t successfully taken care of were the hardest ones to deal with.

Carlisle also said the job was very time consuming and sometimes required the men give up their weekends.

The perks and benefits, however, largely outweighed the shortcomings. “That program was my trip ticket through college,” said Carlisle. “It was a godsend for us, we just seemed lucky.”

Bridgman agreed. “Westerville was really my home for that time,” he said.

“The fact that the city did this was very meaningful to me,” Ickes added. “It was really significant that they would provide food and lodging for people who wanted it. It was a great contribution and a very nice thing for the city to do.”

Carlisle summed the program up, saying, “Just being a part of it was a good experience.”

The city of Westerville also benefitted from the program. A letter to the fire department in 1949 said, “Too often we tend to take for granted the services which these men perform for our benefit – and for very little pay.

“How many of us would like to get called out of bed early on a cold winter’s morning to ride a fire truck and fight a fire with ice cold water in zero weather? We venture to say that the firemen don’t like it either, but always, when the fire siren sounds, no matter what time of day or night,

more than enough firemen report to adequately run the equipment.

"It is very little reward to merely say 'thank you' for a job well done, but never-the-less, we would like to express the town's gratitude and appreciation... for furnishing their services so that our homes and businesses are protected from fire to the greatest degree possible.

"Our fire department is one of which we all can be justly proud – and we're sure that we're all very proud of it."

Horn echoed the letter, calling the students who participated "such fine people," and saying, "We always admired every one of them." Although the program ended in 1966, "we formed relationships for a lifetime," according to Carlisle.

"We had a very close relationship because we were spending a long time with each other there," said Ickes. "We knew each other's girlfriends and we knew what was going on with everyone."

"I know it was good training for the men who did it. It taught

them responsibility and I think they learned many of life's skills there," said Horn.

Carlisle agreed, saying "[The experience] even helped me when I was in the service. It was like life training, you don't really forget that."

After his time, Carlisle passed the torch to two cousins and a brother. He said, "It was a great experience and I was so happy to pass that chance on to relatives."

Bridgman also encouraged his brothers of Zeta Phi to follow in his footsteps. "It really was just a great thing," he said.

The program may have ended, but its legacy is long from forgotten. "I never regretted a day of it," said Carlisle. "I still talk about it and I will for the rest of my life. It's something I'll never forget."

Ickes hasn't forgotten his firefighting days either. When asked if he could slide down the fire pole, he said, "Oh definitely. I could still do that." ●



Joe Carlisle '50 in the kitchen of the apartment for student firefighters. Students' groceries were paid for by the fire department. "I ate better there than anytime in my whole life," he said.

Making Progress...

The construction of the \$4.92 million McCuan Center for Equine Studies is well underway, with framing for the main buildings highlighting the view from 600 N. Spring St. The Center will allow the Equine Science program to expand its program offerings and to admit more students, doubling enrollment in the program to 150 students over the next ten years.



GOING

THE COLLEGE CONTINUES TO SEEK WAYS

Editor's note: The following article comes from a presentation given by Whitney Prose '09 and Melanie O'Brien '08 at Alumni Weekend in June 2008 and reflects the current impetus on campus to recycle and conserve energy.

Going Green doesn't happen overnight—it's a process of life transformation. Many people assume that those Green Gurus such as 2008 Vernon Pack Distinguished Lecturer Ed Begley Jr. have always been extremely eco-conscious, but in fact, they were once just as lost and overwhelmed by the green movement as you might be. Green is a habit learned through little steps. It's not wrong to resist change, give yourself time.

Do the simple things first and build on that first step. Think of small changes. When a light bulb burns out, replace it with a high-efficiency Compact Florescent Light (CFL) bulb; instead of replacing all of your working light bulbs in one day, just replace ones that burn out with better, greener bulbs.

CFLs last at least six times longer than incandescent bulbs, use 75% less energy and save \$9.36 for each CFL used five hours per day for nine months at \$.09 per kilowatt hour.

Going Green involves making upfront expensive decisions that save money and resources over time. Don't be discouraged by this fact. It took a long time to become an instant

gratification society, and it will take time to reverse that expectation.

Another small step to Going Green is recycling aluminum cans. After a month or two of remembering to recycle cans, begin to recycle glass too, and then paper, and so on. Take as big of a step as you feel you can manage. Don't over-stress yourself or you'll be burned out and dump your goals altogether.

According to the Ohio Department of Natural Resources (ODNR), the average aluminum beverage can is made of more than 51 percent recycled aluminum from old beverage cans. With more than five of every 10 aluminum cans being recycled in the United States, they are the most recycled beverage container.

Approximately 35 percent of glass in glass bottles in the United States is recycled material. Generally, glass must be separated by color to have value in new bottle manufacture, but mixed glass is also used as abrasives in sandblasting, aggregate in roadbed construction, beads in reflective paint, frictionators in matches and ammunition and other applications.

A little less than 60 percent of steel cans sold in this country are



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returned for recycling into a variety of products. More than 28 percent of the steel in an average steel can is post-consumer.

Paperboard egg cartons, fruit trays and flower pots are made from high percentages of recycled paper. Overall, recycled paper supplies about 35 percent of the U.S. paper industries' raw materials.

While recycling is a good first step to Going Green, even recycling uses resources. Recycling should be your last option before throwing something away. Reusing something is better than recycling because recycled items are often 'down graded.' A plastic bottle cannot be recycled into a plastic bottle for health safety reasons. So a bottle becomes a chair, a chair a drainage pipe, etc. Further away from people. Virgin plastic is the only kind that can be used with food—and those supplies are becoming limited. The best option is to not even purchase an item in the first place and therefore not start the cycle.

Make smart purchases. Instead of buying water in bottles that you use and then throw away or recycled, purchase a canister and refill it with tap water or with tap water that has been filtered. This reduces waste.

With recent press about toxic chemicals leaching from plastic



Opposite page: Student volunteers planted native wetlands plants, mulched trails, and cut invasive plants at Otterbein Lake. **Above:** Kevin Svitana, assistant professor of life and earth science, teaches a physical geology class at Alum Creek. He's explaining what Darcy's Law is, how to use it, and how Westerville was able to determine where to put its outfall to not threaten endangered life that Otterbein students and faculty had found upstream.



bottles, some portable alternatives have risen in availability, including Sigg bottles, a Swedish company that makes safe, durable and virtually unbreakable bottles in stylish designs.

ODNR suggests these smart buying guidelines: Buy less, buy reusable, buy in bulk, buy quality and buy concentrates. Waste reduction saves money, conserves natural resources and reduces pollution and the gases that cause climate change.

ODNR also suggests you use more of what you buy. Americans throw away over one-third of the food they buy in grocery stores.

Don't accept a bag at checkout if you're buying a few items you can handle without the extra waste. Bring your own bags. Many stores sell canvas shopping bags and give small discounts to shoppers each time they use them. These bags hold more groceries and are easier to carry with

If some of these suggestions have inspired you to Go Green, take a few minutes to calculate your ecological footprint at <http://www.myfootprint.org/>, and then take serious action to reduce that print by selecting at least 10 of the following:

- Turn off lights, computers and other electronics when not in use (including TV and lights, and unplug chargers)
- Recycle paper, cans, and bottles in proper locations (at work, at home, in the car and everywhere)
- Walk and ride bikes more often than you drive cars; Arrange carpools; Don't use your car at all at least one day per week
- Make double-sided copies and prints. Use backside of one-sided prints for scratch paper and notes
- Reduce junkmail (<http://www.newdream.org/junkmail/index.php>)
- Buy local or organic foods when available
- Take the stairs instead of the elevator
- Be an environmentally conscious consumer (<http://www.newdream.org/>)
- Take clothing and other unwanted items to thrift stores
- Register to vote and learn how elected officials rate on environmental issues (<http://www.lcv.org/scorecard/>)
- Take shorter showers and turn off water while brushing teeth
- Reduce meat consumption, and go Meat Free for one day a week
- Bring your own coffee mug to coffee shops
- Don't buy single servings of bottled water; refill one reusable bottle
- Bring book bag or cloth bags when grocery shopping instead of using paper or plastic
- Save energy on your heating and cooling; If heating, wear warmer clothes and turn the thermostat down a degree, or if cooling, turn it up a degree
- Donate books to the library to sell
- Donate old cell phones and ink cartridges to recycle
- Avoid purchasing one-time-use items and food that comes in one-use containers (e.g., fast-food)
- Visit a local park and enjoy nature
- Participate in Earth Day Activities and make everyday Earth Day
- Join a local environmental organization
- Write a letter to your elected official about a local or global environmental issue

their handles, making it a convenient option.

Buy nonperishable products in bulk or large quantities. Large containers use less material than several small ones for the same amount of product, and generally cost much less.

Buy reusable containers with lids or reuse margarine and deli tubs to store leftovers instead of one-shot wraps, bags and foils.

Making the most of Going Green means knowing the best order of the three R's: Reduce, don't buy; Reuse, find a new use; Recycle, remake. And if none of those are possible: Trash, bury in ground.

Certain changes, like Reducing, benefit your wallet as much as the environment. And with the current economic hardships, many of us have to find ways to cut back just to make ends meet. Incorporate going green into that.

Reusing also can be cost-effective. Many second-hand clothing stores stock quality, name-brand items that can save you money while still looking good. You can also sell your own unwanted but gently used clothing to those stores. Thrift stores, like the Westerville Otterbein Women's Club Thrift Store, carry home décor and kitchen items for far less money than retail chains. If you make a few simple shopping changes, you will find that you can live comfortably for less money.

Recycling has become more convenient as many communities now pick up recyclables curbside with your trash. Some don't even require you to sort your recyclable items. If your community doesn't recycle, find someplace that does. Perhaps your work has a recycling station. Ask your supervisors if you can deposit your recyclables in the company's bins. Or perhaps your friend's community recycles. Make it a habit to take recyclables with you when you visit that friend. ●

Why I'm Proud of Otterbein's Green Efforts

By Whitney Prose '09

I'm going green—it seems like the whole world is—and so is my college. What does this mean to me as a student? Well, for one thing, it means meals in the Campus Center are getting better with each passing day. I don't eat mystery meat anymore; I eat hormone-free farm-raised chicken.

Going Green with Otterbein means I also have fewer books to carry. The materials I need are online or on a disc. I throw out a lot less paper at the end of the quarter... well, I suppose I don't 'throw it out' anymore either. There are recycling bins located on each dorm room floor and also in the academic buildings. These bins take my paper, and also all my cans, bottles, and plastics. Everything recyclable goes into one bin which makes it just as convenient to recycle as to throw something away. Only, if I recycle, I get the added bonus of feeling good about my deed.

Otterbein's been working on using less electricity too. Classrooms have motion-sensors that turn the lights off when no one has been moving. This is really cool and saves a lot of energy because people often forget to turn off the lights after they leave. Additionally, it's a great way to inspire professors to be a little more active—there's nothing like watching the lights go off on your professor when s/he hasn't moved in five minutes of lecture!

I have more opportunities to learn outside now that professors are going green. My English classes take advantage of nice days by meeting on Towers lawn; while my science classes take us students to local parks to learn biology *hands on*. Even in astronomy I'm learning about environmental issues. Have you ever heard of light pollution? It's why we can't see the stars in the city.

Going Green with Otterbein is about taking little steps towards a greener future. Each year the College and I take a few more steps. Although it seems like we're only changing only a little, when I step back and look, I see that we've covered a *long* distance in the past four years. In four years the College has begun recycling, incorporated green building materials into its construction projects, changed its diet, begun environmental volunteering, and even made sustainability part of its core goals.

I know when I graduate later this year I'm leaving Otterbein with a much greener lifestyle. Otterbein has helped me change my consumptive habits by providing guidance and support.

So watch out world, I'm leaving college empowered to spread Green Will—if an entire college can Go Green...so can wherever I work, whomever I live with, and of course myself.

Thanks, Otterbein, for taking the challenge and leading us in this champion cause.



Whitney Prose '09

Everlasting Otterbein Pride

The Westerville Otterbein Women's Club



The long-time and venerable club—proprietors of the Otterbein Thrift Shop—is the perfect embodiment of the theme of this year's Homecoming: Everlasting Otterbein Pride.

by Jenny Hill '05 (Westerville Otterbein Women's Club member)

The Westerville Otterbein Women's Club (WOWC) epitomizes the 2008 Homecoming theme of "Everlasting Otterbein Pride." With 129 members in the Club, some of them men, this group keeps the College close to their hearts and minds.

The Columbus Otterbein Women's Club, founded in 1921, originally limited membership to alumnae and former women students. With regular meetings, this was a group of "proper" ladies who gathered for teas, musical programs at members' homes, formal dinners and potlucks. The annual tea started each year of the Club for much of its first four decades. The Club motto, established at its founding, was "Fellowship and Loyalty Plus Service." The Club began granting a "Woman of the Year" award in 1950, with the first award given to **Verda Evans '28**.

In the 1950s the Westerville group branched off from the Columbus organization. At this time, the club raised money through bake sales and rummage sales, and faculty members and faculty wives became some of the club's most active members. In 1951-52, the Club raised a total of \$1,308.56, with dues accounting for \$130.50 of that. Only two years later in 1953-54, the Club raised \$2,016.08 and granted three scholarships, one of \$50 and two of \$30 each.

In 1969, the Club gave a more unique gift to the College—a two-volume Gutenberg Bible, which was the 100,000th addition to the College's library collection. The Cooper Square 42-line Gutenberg Bible was a replica of the first complete product of the moveable type printing press invented by Johann Gutenberg between 1450-1455 and included reproductions of medieval illustrations from the original.

You'll find plenty of jewelry (left) and kid's things (cow and moon above) at the Otterbein Women's Club Thrift Shop at 177 W. Park Street.



In 1953, Carol Frank, wife of music professor Lawrence Frank, established a permanent rummage sale, which has become the Thrift Shop, to bring in more revenue for the group's support of the College. The location has moved from the basement of Cowan to Towers to a College-owned house that was razed for a parking lot. The present location, at 177 W. Park St., has been the home of the Thrift Shop for over three decades. It is a three-story house, provided rent- and utility-free by the College. For many years, a popular event was an annual style show consisting of clothing donated to the Thrift Shop.

These days, the "original campus recycling venture," as **Peg English Duffy '61** calls the Thrift Shop, is the main source of income for the WOWC. All merchandise at the Thrift Shop is donated, all staffing is volunteered, and all proceeds from sales are returned as gifts to the College, so shoppers can feel good about saving money on housewares, clothing, jewelry, shoes, games, books and home décor.

Duffy, a long-time member of the Club, leads the operations of the Shop. "My involvement with WOWC began when at the silver jubilee celebration I realized that I had been a recipient of a Club scholarship," she said. "What better way to express a belated 'thank you' than to become involved with the organization. I did so and a dozen years later I am still thoroughly enjoying the camaraderie of the group as we work to assist students and the College."

Run by volunteers, the store logged 1,634 scheduled volunteer hours, 312 extra volunteer hours and 450 summer volunteer hours during the 2007-08 academic year to operate the store and process donations. Currently, 30 volunteers operate the Shop, two-thirds of whom are alumnae.

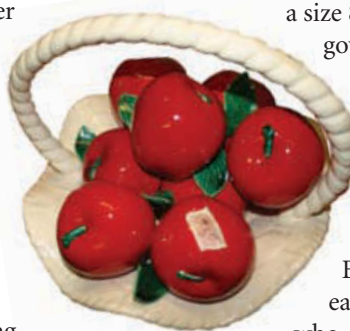


Cheryl Freeman Hill '87 and Jane Yantis, wife of Emeritus Professor Richard Yantis, work the counter in the Thrift Shop.

The store is closed during the summer, and excess inventory goes to either Lutheran Social Services Outreach Ministries serving over 30 counties in south central and southeast Ohio or to the United Methodist Free Store in Columbus. The shop also has a clothing partnership through the social service agency Westerville Area Resource Ministry (WARM).

Some of the more unusual donations made to the Thrift Shop over the years includes a three-foot square box filled with Matchbox cars

in their original boxes, which netted the Shop approximately \$1,000; a size 8 winter wedding gown with fur trim; a Nicodemus vase sold on consignment for over \$100; a Rookwood pottery vase cir. 1938, also sold on consignment; three Eagle ceramic pieces, each given to individuals who donated a minimum of \$1,000 to Crystal Cathedral



Ministries; and a Roseville Pottery item valued at about \$1,500, which was inadvertently donated when a grandmother's belongings were being cleared (the piece was returned to the donor). More interesting items arrive at the shop each week.

As the WOWC evolved, it grew to include anyone, male or female, interested in supporting the College and students. Members do not have to reside in Westerville to belong. The membership dues held steady at \$1 for much of the Club's history, and today the \$5 fee is still more than reasonable. The WOWC now meets only twice a year with a fall general meeting and a spring breakfast hosted by the College president.

To celebrate Otterbein's Diamond Jubilee in 1922, the club began what has evolved into ongoing support to the College's financial campaigns. Some women sold goat's milk or homemade baked goods to meet the financial goal. A unique sacrifice made by several women of that era was to do without their wash lady one day each week, contributing the savings to the Diamond Jubilee Fund.

In 2000 the Westerville Club reached the \$500,000 mark in contributions to Otterbein. "Since then we have donated \$20,000 or more each year to the College, making our total giving in excess of \$650,000," said Duffy.



The Westerville Women's Club Christmas gathering at the Student Alumni House in 2001.

Past donations have included \$35,000 to the Towers Hall renovation; \$30,000 to the Clements Recreation Center; \$22,150 to the construction of Roush Hall; \$10,000 to the Dodrill Lobby of the Cowan Hall renovation; \$5,000 to the McCuan Center for Equine Studies; \$1,000 to the "O" Club Memorial Stadium project; and over \$360,000 to endowed scholarships.

"In June (2008), we were able to increase each of our six endowed

scholarships by \$2,000 as well as make the first payment on a three-year \$30,000 pledge to the Science Building capital improvement project," Duffy said.



The club currently supports seven endowed scholarships. The four Service Scholarships were established in 1984. Two Women's Club Scholarships have been

presented every year since 1968 to a graduate of a Westerville high school. Since 1983 the Donna L. Kerr scholarship honoring active Club member and wife of past President Dr. Thomas Kerr has been awarded.

The Diamond Jubilee Grant, established to recognize the 75th year of the Club, honors the founders of the organization. This one-time grant for extenuating financial circumstances was instituted in 1997. It is not awarded annually but on an as-needed basis, generally to enable a student to complete final course work in order to graduate.

Many students receive Club scholarships for each year of their enrollment, not to exceed four years. Since 1941, over 140 students, both male and female, have received grants or scholarship assistance.



Peg English Duffy '61 and Suzi Shelly Jones '62 tend to a seasonal display in the basement of the Thrift Store.

Dues, financial contributions, Thrift Shop revenue and, most of all, the dedication of Club members make this all possible

“Westerville Otterbein Women’s Club is the most worthy organization I’ve been associated with,” said

Jan Gunn Dunphy ’57.

“My seven plus years of being active (in the Club) has taught me so many lessons, including the value of an organization that is truly interested in the well-being of the College. Also, its volunteers are the absolute best in running a ‘big’ venture efficiently and with only Otterbein students as its primary concern. It’s been a wonderful experience, and I’m especially proud to be associated with this group of wonderful people.”

In the future, the Club hopes to once again attract more student and young alumni members. To that end, a new position of campus liaison was established on the Westerville Women’s Club board in 2007. In just the first year the Club has supported

the Central Ohio Alumni group with cookies for their back to school picnic.

New members, like **Cheryl Hill ’87**, look forward to the years to come for the WOWC. “In my short time

as a member of the Westerville Otterbein’s Women’s Club and its board, I’ve felt extremely welcomed by everyone. This is truly a group of dedicated women that all have deep pride in the volunteerism they provide the College and community. I am proud to

be associated with these women and have enjoyed sharing Otterbein memories with them.”

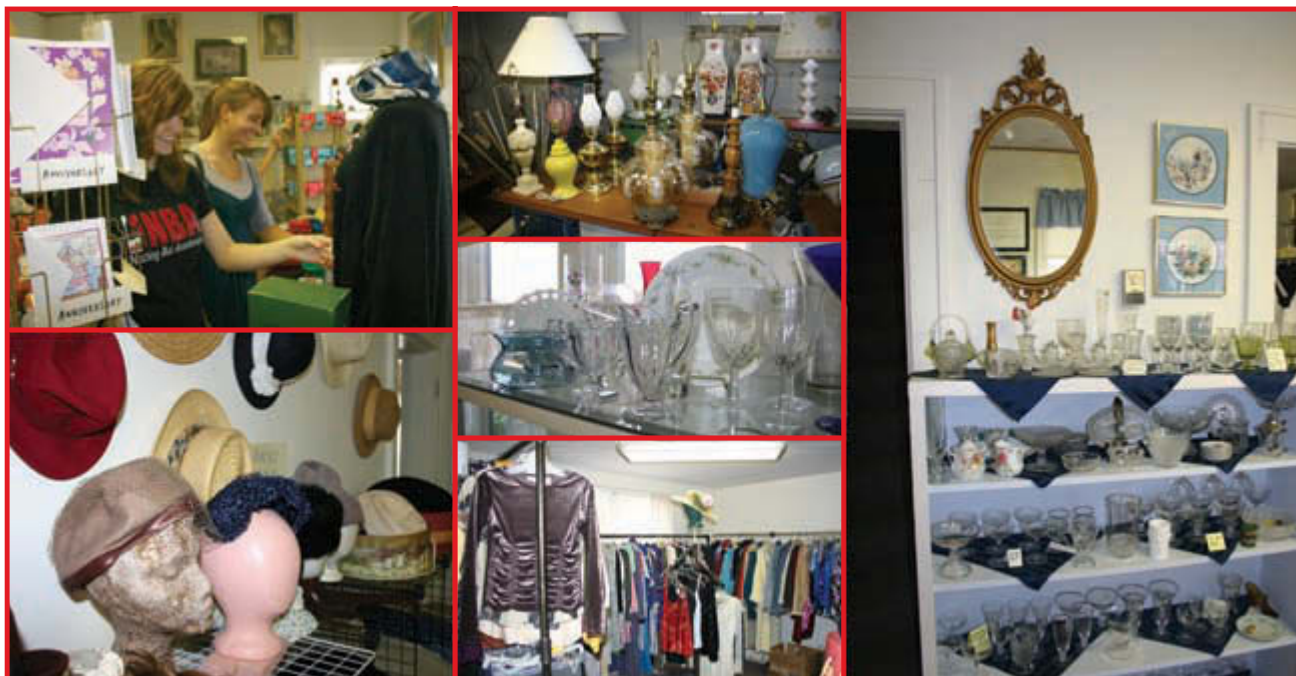
In addition, the Club is building a strong relationship with Otterbein’s Center for Community Engagement, which leads community service efforts for the Otterbein community. “Through the Otterbein Center for Community Engagement, we are confident the working relationship with current students will result in a Westerville Otterbein Women’s Club on campus,” said Hill.



WOWC scholarship winners for 1982-83, clockwise from top left: Christine Ferguson, Laura Everson, Robin Butterbaugh and Amy Pangalangan.

A Dayton Otterbein Women’s Club is another active alumni group. This club meets often at organized events featuring speakers on a variety of topics. To date, the Dayton Otterbein Women’s Club has donated \$7,773.18 to the College. ●

If you wish to join the WOWC, dues are \$5 year and can be paid at Thrift Shop or sent to Marilyn Gale, 796 Kingsmead Rd., Westerville, OH 43082.



Upper right: Westerville South students Lydia Pasker and Hope James check out the bargains at the jewelry counter. The two were on a college visit to the campus. As can be seen

by the other photos, The Thrift Store sells a variety of used clothes, hats, lamps, housewares, books, games, jewelry, and just about everything else.

Class NOTES

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1942

Bette Greene Elliott, a water-based pigment artist, had her nature-based art on display at Chappell's House of Pictures and Frames, in Salem, OH. She works with both realism and abstraction, and watercolor and acrylics.



1954

James Bloom has published a book entitled *Dear Gabriel: Letters from God to His Archangel*. It is available online.



1955

Nita Leland's sixth book, *Confident Color*, published by North Light Books, was released in Sept. 2008. Nita's previous books of art instruction have sold more than a quarter of a million copies worldwide. Four have been translated into foreign languages.

1956

Diane Renollet Cline was sworn in as a new city commissioner on July 23, 2008, for the city of Wilton Manors, FL.

Orville Kent Reed was named professor emeritus by the board of trustees of Lebanon Valley College of PA, in June 2008. Mr. Reed had a distinguished and successful career teaching and coaching at numerous high schools and colleges in Ohio, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania. He has also been awarded numerous coaching honors.



1963

Linda Clippinger Miller and her husband, **Tom '58**, recently celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary with friends and family at a gathering in the foothills of the Rocky Mountains.

Sandra Duncan Pramer retired from the Xenia, OH, Community Schools in 2002 and in 2006 returned to teaching as the homeless educational tutor. Sandra says working with homeless

families is a humbling experience.

Wilma Stump has retired from Fulton County Schools, Atlanta, GA, after 32 years of full-time elementary education.



1966

Jane Scott Jones was ordained to the Episcopal clergy as a vocational deacon in Dec. 2006.

1968

Frank Jayne has retired from his position as a physical education teacher for the Elyria, OH, Public Schools. He continues to be an assistant varsity wrestling coach at St. Edward High School in Lakewood, OH. He had previously been the head wrestling coach at

Delaware, OH, Olentangy Schools, Bishop Hartley in Columbus, OH, and Elyria High School for 10 years. He has also been the Ohio director for the Junior U.S.A. Wrestling Team.



1970

Richard Rawlins has accepted the position of security director for FirstGroup America, which is headquartered in Cincinnati, OH. FirstGroup is a transport company with bus, rail, and vehicle fleets in four countries. Rawlins, who retired from the Treasury Department in 2000 after serving as special agent in charge of the Senior Executive Service, has most recently served as deputy director of Ohio Homeland Security for the Ohio Department of Public Safety.

1969

Sue Cooksey Mullenix (pictured at far right) retired in June from teaching at Granville Middle School in Granville, OH. Three Otterbein alumni also teach at Granville. From left, **Brook Cann Roshon '03**, **Vicky Sinclair Capper '72**, and **Lisa Chapman Allen '95**.



1973

Nancy Grace, co-owner of Greater Midwest Publishing, has announced the inaugural publication of their first book, a memoir written by Beat Generation insider Elizabeth Von Vogt. They released the three-volume set of children's books in Oct. '08 that focuses on the abilities of young people with physical and mental disabilities. Grace serves as a professor of English at the College of Wooster, in Wooster, OH.

Jim Hammond, formerly a volunteer, has been hired as a full-time assistant basketball coach at Chowan University in Murfreesboro, NC. Jim has an extensive background in coaching in both NCAA Division I and II. He was formerly an assistant coach at Norfolk State University and head coach at Tiffin University in Ohio.

Rev. Robert Lowden and his wife, Janice, will be representing the Evangelical Lutheran Church in America, as representatives to Tanzania and Rwanda.

1969

In August, **Jane Whearty McMeekin '69** drove this Nissan 240SX powered by a 1947 Buick Roadmaster engine at 162 mph. She holds two of the six land speed records set by the McMeekin Brothers racing team on the Bonneville Salt Flats. Jane's "pit crew" included **Loretta Evans Heigle '69** and **Marlene Lansman Deringer '69**.



William McFarren has published a book entitled *Glasses for the Brain: Helping Children Understand AD/HD*.

Nancy Griffin Robinson is a deacon with the United Methodist Church, ordained in 2007. She is serving as director of ministries at North Decatur UMC, Decatur, GA. Nancy and her husband, Kip, are active in missions through United Methodist Volunteers in Mission. Their work focuses on Kenya, Brazil and Southern Africa as well as working with the Indian Pakistani community in Decatur.

Lynette Freshour Vargyas was one of four teachers to receive the Outstanding Teacher of the Year for

2008 from the Redlands Educational Partnership, associated with the Redlands Unified School District, Redlands, CA.



1976

David Dick is a regional technology director of Systems Applications and Products (SAP). His region encompasses India, China, Viet Nam, Korea, Japan, Malaysia, Pacific Rim, New Zealand, parts of the Middle East and Australia.

1977

Phil Wells was recently named executive director of

the Lions Hearing Center of Michigan (LHC). The LHC is a non-profit organization that provides education, hearing care services and hearing aids to underserved populations throughout the state of Michigan. Phil and his wife, Chris, reside in Clinton Township, MI.

1978

Helen Thorburn Childers' oldest daughter Alyson graduated from Fairmont State University with a biology degree, and is now attending The Ohio State University's College of Optometry. Helen's younger daughter, Delany, is a senior in high school and plays softball.

Keith Cordle occasionally performs in Columbus,



Join Chair Kent Stuckey and the Friends of Music in a drive to raise funds for new Cardinal Marching Band uniforms. The current band uniforms have served us well, but are in need of replacement. The Clements Foundation has agreed to match each of your tax deductible gifts to fund the purchase of the new uniforms. The uniforms will be unveiled at the 100th anniversary celebration of the Otterbein College Marching Band during Homecoming 2009.

Send your tax deductible gift of any amount to Friends of Music, Howard House, Otterbein College, Westerville OH 43081 (please indicate "band uniforms" in your check's memo line.)

Alumna Highlights Career at A Christmas Story House

by Jeana Harrington '10

Although alumna **Nancy Pierce '85** earned her undergraduate degree from Otterbein in psychology, her career in public relations and journalism has “been all over the board,” from re-living Christmas on a daily basis to fundraising for a local school district, even to promoting Mr. Chicken, a drive thru in Cleveland, Ohio.

It's no surprise that she strayed from her degree, considering that throughout college, “I was told that I would spend most of my life figuring out things that I wouldn't want to do,” she said.

As president of Zeal Public Relations Inc., a company she founded in 2005, Nancy has worked with a variety of clients over the years. The most fun, she said, was *A Christmas Story House*, in Cleveland, Ohio, where the movie was filmed.

When it opened in November 2006, Nancy was a part-time employee and tour-guide on weekends. She took over public relations for the house in January 2007. “It was funny because no matter what happened, it got picked up by the media. Someone could sneeze by one of the props and it would be a story,” she said.

Last year, Nancy organized the annual Christmas Story Convention and was able to meet and work with cast members when they were in town. She also planned a wedding at the house last December. The couple got married in front of the infamous leg lamp, she said.

In late 2007, *A Christmas Story House* signed a contract with Warner Brothers Entertainment Inc. and the house “had to go to more corporate structures.” Nancy continued giving tours until February 2008.

While working with the house created many entertaining opportunities, Nancy said her favorite part was the people, both workers and visitors. “It was a really happy, fun, creative place,” she said. “The people that came there loved the movie. There were a lot of people and it was always crazy. It was just a really fun time.”

Through Zeal, Nancy has also worked with Ferrante Winery and Groundworks Dance Theatre. “I have a heart for the arts and non-profits,” she said.

Nancy transferred to Otterbein for her sophomore year, after completing one year at The Ohio State University. “It was too big and I was too lonely,” she said. “My first drive up Main

Street, I went past the science building, saw the library on my left and Towers on my right... it just felt right.”

While on campus, Nancy sang with the Women's Glee Club and played trombone in the Concert and Marching Bands. She had some internships in psychology, but “it took a while before I really knew what I wanted to do,” she said.

In 1993, Nancy received her master's degree in journalism and communication from Point Park University in Pittsburgh, PA. “It was very hands on and skill-based,” she said. “Right off the bat I was working on things that all directly related to the

one subject I enjoyed. I knew I was going into the right field.”

Throughout graduate school, Nancy worked in the sales office for Roadway Express Inc., a national trucking company. When she was promoted to the marketing department, she found her niche.

She served as executive director of the Stowe Chamber Orchestra for seven years, building their budget and handling public relations. “It was really great taking something that didn't exist and creating the whole image for it.”

Nancy still credits some of her business success to her psychology major. “It taught me to look below the surface and understand things at a deeper level,” she said. “I learned

how people operate, and I've used that to work better with people.”

Her only regret is not challenging herself more while at Otterbein. “I would pick some things I wanted and go after them instead of just letting things come my way,” she said.

Currently Nancy is studying to be a Certified Dog Trainer and working on the business plan for a dog day care, her next business venture. “Dogs are my true love,” she said. “This is the first time I've picked something that I had to work really hard at making happen.”

Right around the time she moved on from *A Christmas Story House*, Nancy became the community relations coordinator for Cornerstone Community School, where she still serves as the head of fundraising and public relations.

Career-wise, Nancy said she has been “very lucky and landed in some interesting spots.” While she has worked with a variety of clients over the years, her favorites are still her nine and 10-year-old sons, Brady and Carter.



Nancy Pierce with NBC News Anchor Lester Holt in front of A Christmas Story house for a seasonal news broadcast.

OH, as a solo singer and guitarist; he also performs with a mandolin and harmonica. He recently appeared at The Old Bag of Nails in Westerville and played at the Otterbein 2007 Homecoming with many friends, family, and Eta Phi Mu fraternity brothers in attendance.

Carol Taylor Herson has worked in corporate America for 30 years. She most recently worked as the human resources manager for a division of Philips Electronics in Augusta, GA. Carol earned a masters degree in teaching from Oglethorpe University and began a new career as an elementary school teacher in August of this year.

Dennis Mohler has been appointed as the district superintendant of the Foothills District of the West Ohio Conference of the United Methodist Church. He will be working with 185 churches in southern Ohio.

Ricardo Murph's oldest son has graduated from The University of Cincinnati with a degree in mechanical engineering, and is now working for Dow Chemicals



in Texas. Ricardo's youngest son is completing his senior year at The University of Cincinnati College Conservatory of Music and will graduate this year with a degree in jazz studies; he is a jazz pianist.

David Robinson continues to design costumes for feature films. He recently completed *I Love You Phillip Morris*, a dark comedy shot in New Orleans with Jim Carrey and Ewan McGregor; *Appaloosa*, a Victorian western with Ed Harris, Renee Zellweger and Viggo Mortenson; *Taking Chance*, an HBO film with Kevin Bacon; and *The Savages*, with Laura Linney and Phillip Seymour Hoffman.



1982
Robert Cornette recently received his Doctor of Nursing Practice from the University of Kentucky. Robert is a pediatric nurse practitioner and an associate professor of nursing at Berea College in Berea, KY. In July he presented his dissertation project at a national conference of primary care nurse practitioners in Keystone, CO, and he had a paper published recently on the emotional consequences of children who are overweight or obese.

1984
David Kimmel recently received the 2007-2009 Jane Frost Kalnow Professorship in the Humanities at Heidelberg College in Tiffin, OH. He is a professor of English at Heidelberg, where he has taught for 11 years. David's wife, **Sandy Ramey Kimmel '84**, is a 7th grade intervention specialist at Fremont Middle School. They have two sons, Ben, 17, and Tommy, 15.



1984
Nujri Durucu studied gemology in Los Angeles, CA then worked in the jewelry sector in Turkey until 1998. After a brief time back in LA, he returned to Turkey and is now a gemology instructor at Applied Jewelry Department of Gaziantep University.

1984
Mary Doerres Whitaker is now the director of dramatics, revue, musical, and senior class production at Chillicothe High School.

1988
Anita Allen's niece, Adrianna Allen, is a freshman at Otterbein this fall. Anita is the daughter of **Earnestean Martin Allen '60**, sister of Angela Allen, and is a former Otterbein staff member. She will be entering her 20th year teaching elementary music, and is currently teaching at Linden Elementary School for Columbus City Schools. Angela relocated to Atlanta and is working for Agnes Scott College.

Timothy Gerckens has been promoted to managing director for Contemporary American Theatre Company, (CATCO) Columbus, OH. He had served as production manager since 1998.

Tammy Roberts Myers has been promoted to

vice president of external communications for Limited Brands, which carries such lines as Victoria's Secret, Bath & Body Works, and C. O. Bigelow. Tammy resides in Canal Winchester, OH.

1989
Andrew Hall is the in-house general council for Continental Gypsum LLC - a parent company of 20 drywall insulation companies across Ohio and the gulf coast.

1992
Laura Marker Johnson has been working as a dog trainer for Proline Hidden Fence, an independent dealer for Invisible Fence Brand, Columbus East. She trains dogs (and cats) to respect the "fence" and helps owners to correct behavioral issues. She competes in agility competitions with her border collie, Levi. Her daughter, Leila, is 6 years old and in 1st grade.

1993
Scott Buchwalter is now working for Trouw Nutrition USA, LLC in Highland, IL as the manager of quality assurance and regulatory



affairs. In 2008 he was elected to the board of the P. Buckley Moss Society. The foundation's mission is solely dedicated to improving the educational environment and learning outcomes for children with learning barriers.

1995

Jennifer Thomas Hodroge has been named copywriter for GSW Worldwide, formerly Gerbig Snell/Weisheimer, one of the largest healthcare advertising agencies in the world. Before GSW, Jennifer owned JH Communications and served as a marketing communications manager for Bank One.

Sonya Parry Rose, a seasoned realtor and marketing professional, has joined HER Real Living real estate in Westerville, OH.

1996

Stacy Pintar joined the Department of Navy, Office of the General Counsel in Oct. 2006. She currently serves as the senior legal counsel for the Center for Seabees and Facilities Engineering, and as the director of the Environmental Law Training and Planning

Program for the Navy's Civil Engineer Corps Officers School located on the Ventura Naval Base in Port Hueneme, CA.

1997

Tamara Nopper recently earned her Ph.D. in sociology and is teaching at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA.

John Riley has been promoted to the position of general manager of Coughlin Chevrolet in Pataskala. Previously, John was general sales manager in Pataskala and Chevrolet sales manager in Coughlin's Newark location. The Pataskala sales team earned the 2007 General Motors Mark of Excellence Award. Of 86 General Motors dealerships in the Central Ohio and Northern Indiana Regions, Pataskala stood alone as the only winner of this award in 2007.

1999

Scott Davis is the new boys basketball coach for Beechcroft High School in Columbus, OH. He is also the school's new social studies teacher. Scott was an assistant coach at Otterbein for two years, and has also

coached at Jonathan Alder and Delaware Hayes high schools, both in central Ohio.

Andrew Hagan is a theatre consultant for Theatre Projects Consultants in South Norwalk, CT. The company designs theatre and performance venues around the world.

Cathleen Eickhoff Kellar is a senior training consultant for Aetna, Inc. in New Albany, Ohio.

2000

Adam Bonner has spent the past five years building the Mascot Organization, a nationwide network of people skilled in the art of bringing big, furry suits to life.

Megan Theis and her family have opened the Triple T Bed and Breakfast business in Findlay, OH. The B & B also offers horseback riding.

2001

Victory Cavendish is a geometry teacher for Charles County Public Schools in LaPlata, MD.

2002

Kyle Bosh graduated in May 2008 from the

2001 & 2006

George DeShetler '01 (second from right) was presented with an Offstage Award from the League of Washington Theatres for his hard work and dedication to theatre. He is currently the technical director at Imagination Stage in Bethesda, MD. At far right is **Krissy Stetar Deshetler '02**. **Trent Kugler '06** (second from left) is currently the master carpenter at The Studio Theatre in Washington DC. The theatre presented Trent with an Offstage Award for outstanding work in the previous season. He is also now proudly engaged to **Mayme Moyer '06** at far left.

University of Kentucky's Martin School with a master's degree in public administration. Kyle is now working as a budget analyst for the State of Missouri, with the Legislative Budget Office, Joint Committee on Legislative Research in Jefferson City.

Elizabeth Boskovich finished her master's degree of music in sacred music and vocal pedagogy/performance at Westminster Choir College in Princeton, NJ, in May 2007. She is currently the director of music at Mulberry Street United Methodist Church in Mt. Vernon, OH, and is working part-time at Otterbein teaching voice in the Department of Music.

Camille Leadingham has earned the designation of certified nurse educator from Ohio University after successfully completing a rigorous certification examination developed and administered by the National League for Nursing.

Margaret "Peggy" Lobb has been appointed assistant director of graduate and continuing studies at Otterbein College. She is

primarily responsible for advancing Continuing Education and Contact programs.

Jim Mills has been named North American technical service manager for Master Chemical Corporation in Perrysburg, OH. Master Chemical Corp. has branches in Europe, India and Asia. Jim will be working closely with these branches in addition to North America.

Jason Thompson earned an MBA from The Ohio State University this past spring.

2003

Alexis Calhoun served as a truck driver in Operation Iraqi Freedom IV in 2005-2006.

Morgan Woodward Houck is working as a full-time circulating nurse at Holzer Clinic Ambulatory Surgery Center in Gallipolis, OH.

Clinton Irvin was recently awarded a doctor of philosophy degree in social experimental psychology by Ohio University. Irvin's dissertation was titled *Not Guilty by Association: The Effects of Association with Tolerant Groups on Personal Expressions of Prejudice*. Irvin will be reporting for duty as a member of the U.S. Army this fall and plans a military career.

LeeAnne Mizer received her master's in education in school counseling from the University

of Dayton in June 2008 and accepted a position as school counselor at Adams Middle School in Johnstown, OH.

Nicole Nichols graduated from Wright State University in June 2008 with her Ph.D. in biomedical sciences and concentration in neuroscience and physiology. She has accepted a postdoctoral position at the University of Wisconsin-Madison.

Matthew Sherr is the company manager of the first national company of the Pulitzer Prize-winning musical *A Chorus Line*, which is currently playing the United States and heading overseas in 2009. He oversees the administrative and financial operations for the touring company and has been with Alan Wasser Associates in Manhattan since 2005.

Julia Smith is a research fellow in the Math Modeling Group of LMI (Logistics

2002

Jeff Gibbs is a local celebrity in Ulm, Germany where he is known as "Mr. Incredible." Apparently, the moniker comes from his acrobatic exploits on the basketball court despite his lack of height. Of course, that doesn't surprise anyone at Otterbein who remembers his incredible 25 rebounds in the 2002 NCAA Div. III championship game when Otterbein captured the national title. He is coming off back-to-back All-Star seasons in Germany's top league. Otterbein teammate **Kevin Shay '02**, who is with the Ohio Army National Guard and has been on assignment in Kuwait and Iraq, recently visited with the Gibbs family and posed with Jeff and Jeff's daughter, Faith, at right with one of the lifesize posters that can be seen around Ulm. It seems that the posters are hard to keep around because Jeff is so popular that many of them get stolen. Kevin is stationed in Kuwait and provides convoy security for the safe delivery of supplies all throughout Iraq. He hopes to be home for the holiday season.





2005

Mia Shaughnessy is the marketing coordinator for the Loyalty Marketing division of MGM Mirage Cooperative in Las Vegas, Nevada. The company represents all MGM MIRAGE Las Vegas strip properties: Bellagio, MGM Grand, Mandalay Bay, The Mirage, TI, Monte Carlo, New York New York, Luxor, and Excalibur. She would like any west coast alumni to contact her; especially any actors or dancers who might be in the Las Vegas area.

Management Institute). She recently became a member of SOLE (International Society of Logistics).

2004

Wes Clarkson has been promoted to marketing manager at National Hockey League Direct, New York, NY. Since joining the group in March, Wes has played an important multidimensional role in digital marketing, new business development, and web analytics.

Ellen Hartz has joined the staff of the Napoleon Veterinary Clinic in Napoleon, OH.

Sarah Elizabeth Hoffert graduated from the University of Vermont with a master's degree in higher education and student affairs administration. She has accepted a position at UVM in health promotion services as one of their interim health educators. Her wellness focus is sexual responsibility and HIV/AIDS awareness/advocacy.

Kevin Lowry has been appointed to end user sales for the northern Ohio and Indiana area for Vincent Lighting Systems. Kevin applies his experience

through workshops designed to help technicians and actors alike respect each other's responsibilities.

Matthew Morneault is a research associate in the Office of University Advancement at Miami University in Oxford, OH.

2005

Ashley Darr is a senior account manager for nbc4i.com, the interactive media division of NBC4, in Columbus, OH.

Eric Evans is the new head boys basketball coach at Circleville High School in Circleville, OH. He taught in Otterbein's Health and Sports Services Department as a graduate assistant coach.

Brian Gray competed a professional acting internship with Playhouse on the Square in Memphis, TN, in July of this year, performing in such shows as *Purlie*, *The Producers*, and *Jerry Springer the Opera*. Next year he will be a touring company member with Lexington Children's Theatre in Lexington, KY.

Chelsea Mahaffey is attending grad school at the University of Dayton to

obtain a master's of science in education in school counseling degree.

Justin Milam earned a master's degree in city and regional planning from The Ohio State University this past spring.

Tyler TerMeer is employed with the Southwest Center for HIV/AIDS in Phoenix AZ, as a recruitment specialist.

Mei-Li Mariko Thomas is attending school at the Fashion Institute of Design and Merchandise in Los Angeles, CA, seeking a degree in Merchandising Product Line Development.

2006

Daniel Everidge plays Roger in the Tony-nominated revival of the Broadway show, *Grease*.

Dave Hutte is the new AM weekend director for the

2006

Holly Fenner is the new web content writer/portal coordinator at Otterbein. Holly was previously with the Association of College and University Housing Offices where she was in charge of web content and other web-related duties.

television station 13ABC in Toledo, OH. Previously he was the director and master control operator for WREX NBC in Rockford, IL.

Phil La Susa recently left CC Technologies of Dublin, OH, to join the Worthington, OH based consulting company, Kiefner and Associates, Inc. He is an environmental chemist and pipeline specialist as a consultant for the energy sector and also operates the laboratory within the Department of Corrosion Services.

Kari Parker is teaching 7th grade social studies at Columbus School for Girls.

2007

Allison Hord has accepted a teaching position as a kindergarten teacher with the Tempe School District in Tempe, AZ.

Doug Tima is the physics teacher at Dublin Scioto High School in Dublin, OH.

2008

Alicia Davis is working at Nationwide Children's Hospital in Columbus, OH, serving as a family liaison



2006

Jess Medors is one of four leaders of the Bike and Build program (B&B) that raises funds and awareness for Habitat for Humanity. Bike and Build pedaled from Providence, RI, to San Francisco, CA, to help build Habitat houses. Her group consists of about 30 college-aged volunteers. In the photo, Jess has finally reached the west coast after pedaling across the entire country. A piece of the Golden Gate bridge can be seen in the background, though it is mostly obscured by the fog.



helping families from out of state and internationally.

Mike Griffin is Otterbein College's advancement resources research/analyst. Mike served on the Student Athletic Advisory Committee as an undergraduate.

Sarah Martindell began work as a social justice advocate at Crossroads Urban Center in Salt Lake City, UT. Her title is part of the United Methodist Church's US-2 missionary program, where young adults serve as missionaries within the U.S. for two years.

Kelly Mohr is a marketing assistant with Compensation Consultants, Inc. in Dublin, OH.



Sandra Thouvenin spent her summer as an artist-in-residence at The Works Art Gallery in Newark, OH. Sandra studied at the American University in Cairo, Egypt. Her Egyptian-inspired woodcut prints were exhibited in a show at The Works, entitled *Contemporary Printmaking: Featuring the Works of Sandra Thouvenin*.

Megan Witt is attending The Ohio State University for graduate school to pursue a master's in higher education and student affairs. ●

Corrections

The 2007 Bread and Roses winner should have read Colleen Deel instead of Connie Deel. A women's studies minor has been available for over 20 years, and was not established in 2004, as was stated in the same article. Our apologies!

2008

Jeff Sabo has accepted a sales job for a group of radio stations called Salem Media in the Cleveland, OH, area.

2nd annual Hall of Fame After-Work Reception

Join the Otterbein College African American Alumni Network on Friday, February 27, 2009 at 6:30 p.m. at the Columbus Urban League for the 2nd annual Hall of Fame After-Work Reception. Two Otterbein African American graduates will be recognized for their accomplishments and contributions to the College and their community. Nominations are due by January 21, 2009 and available at www.otterbein.edu/alumni click "get involved" and go to "OCAAAN." Your reservation for the reception is due Feb. 18 and can be done at www.otterbein.edu/alumni click 'events/registration'. The purpose of the OCAAAN Network is to foster ongoing relationship, support and service to the College from the African American Alumni Community; provide opportunity for alumni to continue to be a part of Otterbein's diversity growth; and to create mentoring relationships between alumni and students.



2009 Otterbein Calendar On Sale Now

A 2009 Otterbein Calendar is on sale by the Otterbein College Middle Level Association! The calendar will feature 13 great photos from around campus on high quality paper. The cost is \$15 plus \$2 for shipping (if you can come to campus to pick it up, you do not need to pay shipping costs), checks can be made payable to OCMLA and sent to: Diana Ross, Education Dept., Otterbein College, Westerville, OH 43081. For additional information contact Diana Ross at dross@otterbein.edu (614) 823-1836 or Laura Canafax at laura.canafax@otterbein.edu. This calendar features beautiful Otterbein shots and it's for a good cause. Makes a great Christmas gift!



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Marriages

1950

Clara Liesmann Warren to William Banks, Nov. 28, 2007.

1956

Martha Sadler Dix to C. Parker Long, July 18, 2008, in Green Valley, AZ.

1966

Jane Scott to John Jones Jr., Aug. 16, 2008, in Long Beach, CA.

1990

Brian Lower to Dorothy Gass, April 12, 2008.

1996

Janet Sarrazine to Scott Boivin, Aug. 16, 2008.

1999

Regina Kost to Anthony Corvo, Aug. 30, 2007.

2000

Tara Johnson to Kyle Beach, May 25, 2008, in Topsfield, MA. Bridesmaids included **Mason '00** and **Elizabeth Lowrey '00**.

Jessica Gordon to **Jacob Calaway '02**, June 16, 2007.

Lisa Gooding to Timothy Lanigan, June 21, 2008.

Katie Thompson to Andy Tracewell, June 21, 2008.



Katie Thompson with husband, Andy

2001

Bradie Rice to Ryan Berry, July 2, 2007.

Tara Havens to Ace Bennett, June 14, 2008. **Tracy Blaine Hedges '00** was a bridesmaid.

2003

Sara Rinfret to **Robert Baers '05**, Aug. 9, 2008, at



Lisa Gooding with husband, Timothy



Sara Rinfret with husband, Robert Baers

Turks and Caicos, British West Indies.

April Hofstetter to **Shawn Brehob '01**, Oct. 13, 2007. Several Otterbein alumni participated including **Ruth Rhodes '03**, **Adam Kurena '01**, **Jerred Adkins '03**, **Pete Poverini '04**, April's grandmother, **Phyllis Nelson Reinheimer '44**, as well as many more Otterbein alumni.



April Hofstetter with husband, Shawn Brehob

Nora Underwood to Brian Gehres, Aug. 2, 2008.

Brittany Lammers to David Goldsberry, June 2, 2007.

Katherine Nikzad to Jon Terhune, Aug. 2, 2008.

2004

Rebecca Rossiter to Michael Lachman, July 19, 2008. After a Quaker wedding in Athens, OH, the newlyweds honeymooned in Ireland.



Rebecca Rossiter with husband, Michael



Matthew Morneault with wife, Mirullia

Matthew Morneault to Mirullia Wood, June 21, 2008.

2005

Bev Wymyslo to **Dan Breyman '05**, June 7, 2008. **Jeff Glancy '04** and **Brad Hamilton '05** were groomsmen and **Chrissy Wheeler '05** was a bridesmaid.

Andrea Richardson to Jeremy Dusina, May 31, 2008.

Joyce (BJ) Thomas to Nick Grimm, June 14, 2008. **Jess Lonjak '04** was a bridesmaid and in attendance were **Kristi Feasby Kiehl '05**, **Julie Hills '03**, **Sarah Baltzly '06**, **Andrea Davis Beverly '06**, **Erin Harting Fannin '08**, **Megan Siebel '07** and **Kristen Pawlus '07**.

Jill Ciersezwski to Frank Van Dresser, Sept. 1, 2007.

2007

Dianne Collins to Joe Kremer, March 22, 2008. Joe is currently working on

his degree as an Otterbein student.

Amy Lowry to Charles Park, Aug. 4, 2007.

Amber Gunnoe to Ty Starkey, Aug. 26, 2006. **Dana Ullmann '06**, **Stacie Laird '07** and **Natalie Beck '07** served as bridesmaids, and **Jeremy Sipes '05** was a groomsman.



Amber Gunnoe with husband, Ty

Erin Dille to Jason Green, Aug. 9, 2008.

Additions

1987

Jennifer Elledge Dillon and husband, Barry, a son, Victor Alexander, born Nov. 18, 2005 in Vladivostok, Russia. He joined their family on June 6, 2008.



Victor Alexander Dillon

Lori Kuhn recently adopted a daughter, Emma, from Vietnam.

1988

Sharon Kuhlman Bricker and **David Bricker '88**, a son, Samuel Christopher, July 15, 2008. Samuel joins the Kuhlman family, grandparents **Marilyn Demorest '62** and **William '59 Bricker**; and siblings **Ross '10**, Andrew, Benjamin, Scott, Joel, Heather, John and Heidi.



Samuel Christopher Bricker with dad, David

1992

Connie Kester Ketler and husband, Gregg, a son, Braden James, Feb. 28, 2008.

1993

Amy Hensley Helsel and husband, Tom, a daughter, Teagan Rae, Nov. 28, 2007.

1996

Jennifer Mancz Seaman and husband, Eric, a daughter, Ella Ruth, Feb. 1, 2008.

Tonya Watson Stewart and husband, Christian, a daughter, Kaiya Simone, April 24, 2008.

1997

Angela Bauer Crum and husband, Doug, a son,

Samuel Paul, March 13, 2008.



Samuel Paul Crum

Jennifer Gray and **Ben Douce '98**, a son, Wyatt Gray-Douce, born July 2, 2007 in South Korea, into their arms on May 10, 2008. Grandpa **Jerry Gray '65**, Uncle **Steven Gray '94** and Aunt **Lora Southward Gray '94** are among many family members and friends celebrating the arrival.

Catherine Adams Reither and husband, **Tom '99**, a son, Benjamin Steven, Feb. 21, 2008. Benjamin joins sisters Ella and Caroline.

1998

Joseph Ferris and wife, Nichole, a daughter, Grayson Elizabeth, April 10, 2008.



Grayson Elizabeth Ferris

Jason Bradley Pattee and wife, Karen, a daughter, Bethany Anne, Feb. 27, 2008. Bethany joins Michael, age 5 and Aaron, age 3.

Lara Linley Price and husband, Mitch, adopted a

son, Zackary Taylor, Sept. 16, 2007.

1999

Sara Richards Cisler and husband, Brett, a daughter, Annabelle Claire, Nov. 3, 2007.

Regina Kost Corvo and husband, Anthony, a son, Dominic Anthony, Sept. 27, 2007.



Dominic Anthony Corvo

Deborah Patton Joreski and husband, **Eric '99**, a daughter, Laurian Lynn, March 6, 2008. She joins big brother Clayton, age 3.



Laurian Lynn Joreski

Cathleen Eickhoff Kellar and husband, Jem, a son, Jaren Murat, Oct. 25, 2007.



Jaren Murat Kellar

Nellie Hough Mundhenk and husband, **Chris '00**, a daughter, Tatum Jane, March 5, 2008.



Tatum Jane Mundhenk

2000

Tom Diley and wife, Aimee, a daughter, Samantha Kate, June 23, 2008. Samantha joins big sister, Alexa, age 3.



Samantha Kate Diley

Megan Trice Eggleton and husband, **Tony '98**, a son, James Bryson, March 13, 2008. He joins big sister and brother, Dylan, age 4, and Conor, age 2.

Holly Fulton Hicks and husband, Ralph, a daughter, Violet Pamela-Suzanne, May 28, 2008. She joins big sister Scarlett.

Troy Rathge and wife, Gabrielle, a son, Grant Weis Rathge, Feb. 11, 2008.



Grant Weis Rathge

Matthew Rogers and wife, Melissa, a daughter, Rachel Ann, Aug. 23, 2007. She joins brother Andrew Louis, age 3.

Deanna Donohue Sentipal and husband, Joe, a daughter, Raya, June 22, 2008. She joins brothers Joey, age 4, and Parker, age 3.

2001

Bradie Rice Berry and husband, Ryan, a daughter, Claire Elizabeth, June 16, 2008.

Jennifer Stebleton Bremer and husband, **Matt Bremer '01**, a daughter, Alyson Sydney, July 17, 2008.

Bethany Whittington Thayer and husband, **Ben '02**, a son, Jude Bennett, June 11, 2008.

Suzanna Gutshall Tobe and husband, Andrew, a son, Dustin, Aug. 4, 2007.

2002

Megan Gadomski Abrams and husband, Kevin, a daughter, Alyse Veronica Abrams, March 27, 2008.

Julie Seacrist Gaboric and husband, Andrew, a daughter, Morgan Eve, Aug. 2, 2008.



Morgan Eve Gaboric

Angela White Gonzalez and husband, Nick, a daughter, Katheron Maxine Gonzalez, Sept. 2, 2008.



Katheron Maxine Gonzalez

Kate Delgado Kort and husband, Dan, a daughter, Maya Kathryn, July 16, 2008.

2003

Valerie Whitehouse-Bailey and husband, John, a son, Mason Allen Bailey, Jan. 21, 2008.



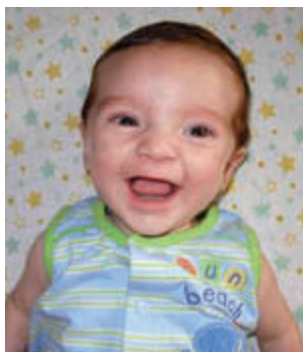
Mason Allen Bailey

Brittany Lammers Goldsberry and husband, David, a son, Jackson David, May 4, 2008.



Jackson David Goldsberry

Morgan Woodward Houck and husband, Todd, a son, Wesley Owen, April 19, 2008.



Wesley Owen Houck

Kristen Sullivan Mantovani and husband, Clay, a son, William Clayton, Aug. 20, 2008.



William Clayton Mantovani

2004

Dawn Thompson and partner, Amelia Woodward, a daughter, Georgia, May 9, 2008.



Georgia Woodward

Deaths

1928

Frances Hinds Titus died on June 3, 2008. She was a school teacher, active in civic organizations, and the

church organist at the Trinity United Methodist Church in Newcomerstown, OH, for 35 years.

1930

Kenneth Bunce '30 died on July 23, 2008. After graduating from Otterbein with a bachelor of arts degree, he received a master's degree in history from The Ohio State University in 1933. He became an English teacher and lecturer at Matsuyama Kotogakko, a government junior college in Japan during the 1930s. He returned to the U.S. to complete a doctorate in history at Ohio State and came back to Otterbein to chair the history department and become dean of the faculty. He joined the Naval Reserve in 1943 and studied international law, military government and Southeastern Asian governments, economies and cultures. He received a master's degree from Columbia University. In 1944, Dr. Bunce was made officer in charge of the Area Studies Division at the Naval School of Military Government at Princeton University and was eventually assigned to the Philippines to help plan for the occupation of Japan. He received the Legion of Merit for this work. In 1945, Kenneth wrote the directive, prepared under the orders of the Allied Commander in Chief, Gen. Douglas MacArthur, that disestablished Shinto as the state religion of Japan. After the occupation ended, he joined the staff of the U.S. Embassy in Tokyo and the old U. S. Information Service. He retired in 1971. During his retirement he enjoyed

growing and photographing his gardens of flowers and ornamental trees. He was preceded in death by his wife of 74 years, **Alice Shively Bunce '33**. He is survived by four children, Sylvia Duvall, Julia Elfving, **Peter '67** and Michael; seven grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

1933

Helen Leichty Messmer died on June 10, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, **William Messmer '36** and previous husband, Wade Miller. Surviving are her children, **Marilyn Miller '59** and **Glenn '57 Wyville**, and **Wade '56** and **Princess Johnson '58 Miller**; relatives, **Dorothy Scott Miltenberger '50** and **Martha Miltenberger Thomas '45** as well as many other relatives and friends. Helen was a retired teacher of 32 years, serving in Springboro, New Madison, Clear Creek and Centerville, OH.

1934

Evelyn Duckwall Duffield died on June 8, 2008. Evelyn retired after 22 years as a home economics and science teacher for several schools, a member of many area clubs, as well as the Evangelical United Methodist Church in Greenville, OH. She was preceded in death by her husband, Wilbur, and four brothers. Surviving are two sons, George and Jim; two sisters, Mary Heskett and Joan Kemper; and numerous other relatives and friends.

Rev. John Weaver died on July 5, 2008. He is survived by five daughters. John was an ordained Episcopal priest and served as chaplain to the

American Forces Network, liaison between the US and the Church of England, chaplain to the Archbishop of Canterbury, honorary member of the Most Excellent Order of the British Empire and awarded the Legion of Merit for service to the US Government. Later he was Dean of St. Paul's Cathedral in Detroit, MI, then archdeacon of the Diocese of California and volunteer chaplain to the Burlingame Police.

1935

Kathryn Krehbiel Preg died on March 4, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Stephen; children, Theodore, John and Michael; and sister, **Carolyn Krehbiel '39**.

1936

Wahnita Strahm Airhart died on June 27, 2008. She was a high school teacher in several Ohio schools and at the Red Bird Mission in Beverly, KY. Wahnita was an artist, and her paintings remain in the homes of her family. She loved gardening and cooking and supporting missions throughout the United Methodist Church. Her husband, **Rev. Robert Airhart '35**, preceded her in death. He was a board member of Otterbein in the 1950s. Surviving are two children, Bob (**Judy Buckle Airhart '65**) and **Carol Airhart Anderson '69**; four grandsons and three great-granddaughters.

1940

Elizabeth Bercaw Flanagan died on May 26, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband, **John '38**.

1941

Rita Kohlepp Hanawalt died on June 22, 2008. She is survived by her husband, **Donald Hanawalt '40**, and four children, Lynne Barnes, Lucia Davidson, Larry Hannawalt, and Lee Hannawalt.

James Robertson died on April 2, 2008. Preceding him in death was his wife **Ruthanna Shuck Robertson '42** and relatives, **Sarah Biedleman Shuck '38** and **Emerson Shuck '38**. Surviving him are two sons, James and John; and relative **Marilyn Shuck Beattie '47**.

1942

Jeannette MacNair Foreman died on Aug. 2, 2008.

Dick Rule died on Aug. 6, 2008. He was a teacher, coach and administrator during his 34 years with the Chandler School District. Dick served his community as a member of the Chandler City Council, Lions Club and Elks Club, elder in the Chandler Presbyterian Church, and was a member of the Chandler Sports Hall of Fame. Surviving are his wife, Betty; three children, Carol, Diane and Gordon; five grandchildren and ten great-grandchildren.

1946

Mary Rolison Bailey died on Aug. 31, 2008. She was preceded in death by her husband of 61 years, Francis "Red" Bailey; and son, Scott Lewis Bailey. Surviving are two sons, Donald and Bruce; five grandchildren and many relatives and friends. Mary was a life-long advocate for

senior citizens, volunteering in several groups and she received recognitions for her volunteer work including the Westerville Rotary Club's Community Service Award.

1949

Albert "Bert" Stoddard died on May 22, 2008. Bert served in Italy and Austria with the 10th Mountain Division, 86th Infantry. He received the Combat Infantry Badge, Expert Infantry Badge, three Battle Stars and the Bronze Star. Rev. Stoddard served as a Presbyterian minister in Evans, NY, where he was ordained, and in Mineville and Salem, NY, Randolph, where he retired as pastor emeritus and WCA Hospital and Heritage Park. He was a volunteer at the McKean Rehabilitation Center in Chiang Mai, Thailand and a supply pastor at Jimersontown and Wright Memorial Churches. Surviving are his wife of 58 years, **Alice Walter Stoddard '49**; daughter, **Ruth Stoddard McLaughlin '77**; sons, Stephen and Albert Stoddard; and eleven grandchildren.

1950

Jo Curl Forbes died on June 28, 2008. Surviving are her husband, John; daughter, Phyllis Grounds; brother, **Kent Curl '52**; and two grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her mother, **Marjorie Copeland Curl '23**; and son, John Forbes. She taught math, physical education and bookkeeping in Ohio and Texas, then obtained a data processing degree from San Jacinto College in Pasadena, CA where she worked in the aerospace field for Chrysler

Corporation. In addition, she was a systems analyst for Lockheed Space Division, Earth Resources Laboratory at the Stennis Space Center, where she retired in 1988.

Lt. Col. Richard Housum died on March 8, 2008. Surviving are his wife, Frieda; and children, Timur, Staci, Michael and Steven.

Lois Rock Moreton died on June 28, 2007. Surviving are her husband, William; and children, Lori and **William '75**.

1951

Glana Hammer Earnest died on June 13, 2008. She is survived by her husband, **James '52**; and four children, James, William, Timothy and Dorothy.

Max Fisher died on Feb. 27, 2008. He is survived by his wife, **Caroline Powell Fisher '54**; four children, Cheryl, Mark, Craig, and Michelle; and six grandchildren. Max was a member of Pi Kappa Phi "Country Club" and the Fraternity Alumni Association. Max worked for the downtown Columbus YMCA for five years and the Saginaw, MI, YMCA for 33 years before retiring in 1989. Max served in the United States Marine Corps.

1952

Enar Anderson died on July 3, 2007. He is survived by his wife, Dorothy.

Vincent Palmere died on June 11, 2008. Surviving are his wife, **Martha Lawson Palmere '53**; and son, Michael.

Roger Wiley died on Sept. 1, 2008. He was retired from Otterbein College as a professor of mathematics and administrator of information technology. He is survived by his wife, **Elizabeth '86**; children, **Stephen '84** and **Susan '86**; grandson, Patrick; sister, Trudy Ruehle; brother, Harold; and many other family members.

1955

Gloria Howard Schutz died on Aug. 5, 2007. Surviving are her husband, Robert; two children, Elizabeth and Patricia; and sister, **Sarah Howard Clamons '58**. Preceding her in death are parents, **Rhea McConaugh '23** and **Bishop John Gordon '22 Howard**, former President of Otterbein College; and relatives, **Louis Norris '28** and **Donald Howard '25**. Gloria was a student all her life, learning everything she possibly could, including archeology, anthropology, geology, and anything related to computers. Family trips were spent near archeological digs, rock quarries and historical landmarks. Her greatest love was computers and she turned that into a vocation, going to work at WVNET (West Virginia Network for Educational Telecommunications) as a microcomputer specialist, retiring in the early 90s. She then joined her husband in his passionate genealogy work, tracing family history. Gloria passed on her love of reading and music to three grandchildren and had a long line of "Schutz" hounds in her home.

1958

Wilma Geisler Cockrell died on March 1, 2008. Surviving are her husband, William; and children, Troy and Michelle.

1960

Phyllis Bench Litton died on March 19, 2008. Surviving are her husband, Jan; two brothers, Dennis and Douglas Bench; and several nieces and nephews. Her professional career was in healthcare financial management at the University of Cincinnati Medical Center. She had researched her family history for many years and was a member and volunteer of several genealogy societies. She was preceded in death by her parents, Rev. John W. Bench and Vera E. McWatters Bench; and her stepfather, **H. Wayne Rardain '29**.

1962

Ronald Tobias died on Aug. 5, 2008. He was a retired teacher and guidance counselor from the Carman-Ainsworth School District in Flint, MI. He was an Air Force veteran. Surviving are his wife, **Lei Shoda Tobias '62**; sons, Douglas and Michael; brother, Jim Tobias; sisters, Connie Powell, and Judy Thomas; relative **David Tobias '59**; and six grandchildren.

1963

James Thomas died on July 5, 2008. He is survived by his wife, Judy, and children, **Toby '91** and Amy Sarff.

1967

Frances Brown Mallow died on Aug. 30, 2008. Frances

was principal and teacher for Big Walnut Local Schools in Sunbury, OH. She is survived by her sister, Margaret Miskimen, and many other family members and friends. Frances was preceded in death by her husband, Burley.

Leona Sims Wheatley died on Aug. 19, 2008. Surviving are her husband, Alexander; and two sons, Wayne and Michael. Leona retired after teaching 31 years in Columbus, OH, Schools.

1974

Joseph Casa died on June 28, 2008.

Leif Pettersen died on July 30, 2008. Leif spent eight seasons in the Canadian Football League (CFL). In retirement he was a CFL broadcaster for CTV and TSN. He was also the founding governor of the Etobicoke Sports Hall of Fame. Surviving are his wife, Lee, and daughters, Kate and Ali.

1977

Brenda Bible Waffle died on July 15, 2008. A passionate and gifted public school teacher for 31 years, Brenda received numerous awards including Teacher of the Year in Arizona. Brenda also excelled in musical theater, directing youth theater programs at Columbus Youth Theater and Phoenix's Desert Foothills Theater. She appeared in or directed more than 40 productions. Surviving are her children, Shannon Wellins, Ashley Shoemaker, and Connor Waffle; her mother, Patricia Bible; and her brother, **Peter Bible '80**.

1999

Leslie Jones Hess died on Aug. 21, 2008. She is survived by her husband, Doug; her children, Lauren, Justin and Nicholas; her parents, Randy and Lynda Jones; a sister, Kelly; and many extended family and friends. A celebration of her life and faith was held at Xenos Christian Fellowship in Columbus.

2001

Jennifer Buron died on Jan. 23, 2008.

Friends

William Amy died on Sept. 5, 2008. He was a graduate of the University of Western Ontario, with additional degrees from Garrett Theological Seminary (UM), Biblical Seminary of New York, and the University of Toronto. He was pastor of St. Timothy Church in Kitchener, Ontario, for eight years until his appointment to teach in the Religion and Philosophy Department at Otterbein College in 1962. He later served 15 years at Monmouth College in Monmouth, IL, as dean and professor. Following retirement in 1993, he served as adjunct professor at Otterbein for 12 years. He is survived by his wife, Floral; son, **Jonathan '79**; daughters, Christine Amy and Jennifer Dressler; four grandchildren and many relatives and friends.

Wanda Gardner died on Aug. 2, 2008. Through many years, Wanda hosted 36 foreign Otterbein students from nine countries. For 53 years she was a pharmacist at

Brinkman Rexall Drugstore in Westerville. She is survived by two sons, John and Richard. Her husband, Alvin, preceded her in death.

John Laubach died on August 13, 2008. He became a professor of political science at Otterbein in 1958, served 25 years on the College Senate and retired after 33 years in 1991. John was a political science major and 1953 graduate of Pennsylvania State University where he was elected to Phi Beta Kappa and student body president in 1953. He was a Danforth Fellow for graduate study in political science at Harvard where he assisted Henry Kissinger by translating his German office correspondence for staff members. He received a Ph.D. in political science from Harvard University in 1958. He was a Fulbright Scholar from 1955 to 1957 at the University of Bonn, Germany, and University of the Saar. He was co-author of the Westerville, Ohio, City Charter (1964) and a member of the Westerville City Charter Commission in 1963-1964. He was elected to the Benton Borough Council in 2001 and was a member of the Bloomsburg Kiwanis Club. He was also known for his excellent singing voice and enjoyed being a member of church choirs and as a member of Susquehanna Valley Barber Shop Chorus and enjoyed playing the piano by ear. Surviving are his wife, **Diane Harvey Laubach '73**; two sons, Robert and Brian; one granddaughter, Robyn Laubach; a brother, Winton (Jan) Laubach; and his mother-in-law, Helen Harvey. ●

Investing in OTTERBEIN

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The Office of Sponsored Programs

Upholding Stewardship and Service

By Suzanne Happell

Tucked away in a quiet corner on the third floor of Towers Hall, where people seldom go unless they are either lost or delivering mail, is the Office of Sponsored Programs. Amidst piles of payment vouchers, proposal documents, and color-coded file folders, three of us work every day to administer Otterbein's grants from the pre-award stage all the way to the final report.

Large universities with millions of dollars in grants have sizeable teams of sponsored programs officers who specialize in specific parts of a grant's life cycle: proposal preparation, budgets, fiscal management, compliance, reporting, etc. However, smaller-scale, primarily undergraduate institutions like Otterbein have small offices with only a few staff members to manage their grants. Therefore, out of necessity, we are professional chameleons, shifting our job descriptions from writer or editor to accountant, fundraiser, contract interpreter, event planner, legal researcher, or public relations specialist, depending upon the hour of the day.

The variety of this work is simultaneously exhilarating, challenging, and frustrating. There is no guidebook to direct us, and there is always an exception to every rule. While our faculty members are on the front lines taking

care of the programming, we are there behind the scenes, tightening all the nuts and bolts and putting out inevitable fires in order to keep the program running smoothly.

The Office of Sponsored Programs consists of three

people. Our director, Diane Nance, came to Otterbein from Kenyon College and the Greater Columbus Arts Council, and she has just celebrated her one-year anniversary at the College. She has written and won grants from federal, state, and private sources, served as a panelist for grant reviews, counseled grant-seekers as a program officer, written grants policy, and each spring she teaches arts administration at Otterbein.

I joined the office as assistant director in May 2008. Formerly the assistant to the academic dean, seminary writing tutor, and course of study writing instructor at Methodist Theological School in Ohio, I earned my MA in History and Critical Theories of Religion from Vanderbilt University in 2001.

In June, **Paige Zilincik '93** became the new grants coordinator. Paige graduated from Otterbein with a double major in music performance and music business. Paige was previously the executive director of the Westerville Symphony and has worked at Opera Columbus and the Indianapolis Opera.



Paige Zilincik, Suzanne Happell and Diane Nance make up the Office of Sponsored Programs.

Since Sponsored Programs reached full staff again at the end of June, we've been working as a group to strategize about communicating our role to the College, to reflect upon the nature of our work, and to develop a collective vision for the future.

One aspect of our work is stewardship, as our office ensures that Otterbein is a good steward of the money entrusted to us by our funders. We work with faculty project directors to make sure that the way the funds are spent agrees with each funder's expectations and complies with the law. By being good stewards, we protect Otterbein's reputation and ensure continuing partnerships with our funders.

Sponsored Programs is also oriented toward service, as we serve faculty, students, administrators, and funders, each in a different way. At a campus where service to the

community is an institutional priority, it is natural for us to position ourselves within that framework of service to the Otterbein community.

As we move forward, Sponsored Programs plans to expand the services we provide. We are developing training sessions on grant writing and budget preparation which we hope to offer this academic year. We also plan to send out a regular electronic newsletter to faculty with grant-related news and information. In addition, we are discussing new ways to honor faculty and student grant recipients, acknowledging the contribution they make to the College with their work.

We look forward to a great academic year, supporting students and faculty in their research and programming goals, and working to build value for Otterbein and its community in many important ways. ●

Recent Grant Awards

The McGregor Fund has awarded a three-year \$250,000 grant in support of Transformation Project: Supporting Students' Ability to Integrate Learning, which will be led by Amy Jessen-Marshall and Leslie Ortquist-Ahrens. This project will create a coherent linked curriculum and co-curriculum for the Integrative Studies Major. The grant will be implemented in three major ways: (1) Individual grants: 50 competitive grants will be awarded Otterbein Faculty to support significant course and program development. (2) Collaborative events and structures: a two-day institute in June 2009, to be repeated in 2010, will help Faculty develop shared goals for students' integrative learning; annual workshops will be held in September and December; working groups of grant recipients will meet bi-monthly; a core team will be established; and a communication coordinator will be hired to ensure curricular coordination and organizational coordination. (3) Student learning, assessment, and documentation practices: an electronic portfolio platform will be developed to house course portfolios that document integrative work and students' learning.

The Department of Health and Human Services, Health Resources and Services Administration has awarded \$35,014 to Otterbein in support of the Advanced Education Nurse Traineeship, which will be led by Barbara Schaffner and Eda Mikolaj. The purpose of this project is to increase the numbers of advanced practice nurses who provide health services to diverse underserved populations in rural counties, Central and Appalachia Ohio. These nurses are located in counties that are in depressed areas of Ohio where poverty and unemployment still contribute to a variety of health care problems and intensify the need for quality health care. These nurses also remain in their respective localities and are helping to improve the health status of their residents. The presence of these advanced practice nurses gives people in these underserved areas of Ohio increased access to health care

services that include screening for health risks, health teaching, and promoting healthy lifestyles. Grant funds will be used for student scholarships.

The Ohio Foundation of Independent Colleges has awarded \$13,600 to support the Ubuntu College Mentoring and Recruitment Program under the direction of John Kengla at the Center for Community Engagement. The primary goal of this program is to ensure a brighter future for urban youth in the Columbus City Schools district. Otterbein College and I Know I Can will collaborate to improve college readiness and recruitment through college visits, college information programs held after school, and youth-to-youth mentoring for seniors at two high schools in the Columbus City Schools district. Using service-learning pedagogy, the teams will build a sustainable foundation for college preparedness and retention.

The Corporation for National Community Service has awarded \$427,324 to Otterbein in order to fund a third year of the Great Cities - Great Service project, which is led by Melissa Gilbert at the Center for Community Engagement. The continuing purpose of this project is to expand service learning to new institutions and K-12 schools in Ohio through the formation of a consortium to: 1) replicate the YOUTHLEAD model, in which urban youth and college students plan and implement service-learning projects to Learn, Engage, Act, and Decide; 2) replicate a core partnership model and enhance long-term reciprocal, sustainable partnerships that foster service-learning, volunteerism, and community-based research; and 3) infuse innovative strategies for building service structures. The Great Cities - Great Service Consortium for 2008-2009 includes Ohio Campus Compact, Bowling Green State University, Case Western Reserve University, Cleveland State University, Marietta College, Mount Union College, the University of Akron, the University of Cincinnati, the University of Dayton, the University

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of Toledo, Wright State University, and Xavier University. Consortium member schools will receive subawards from the grant in order to partner with urban schools throughout urban centers in Ohio.

The City of Columbus Department of Public Safety awarded \$10,000 in support of Leesa Kern's Criminology Research and Data Analysis project. In this partnership with the Safety Administration, Otterbein faculty will provide criminology research and data analysis for the Mayor's Neighborhood Safety Working Group. Project goals include the development and implementation of anti-gang and crime reduction strategies.

Cleveland State University has awarded \$55,000 to Otterbein for the fourth year of the Reading First – Ohio project. Led by Susan Constable, Reading First – Ohio is a collaborative project between Cleveland State University and Otterbein College to assist K-3 reading teachers in the acquisition of knowledge and skills for effective reading instruction. Otterbein field faculty will continue to train and

support literacy specialists in Reading First schools to serve as school based professional developers and coaches of K-3 teachers, establishing standards of practice based on data-based instructional decision-making, accurate diagnosis and powerful interventions that ensure children's progress in Language Arts.

The Columbus City Schools has awarded \$195,021 to Otterbein for Year 5 of the Teacher Quality Enhancement (TQE) Grant. Led by Education Department Chair Harriet Fayne, TQE is a collaboration between Otterbein and the Columbus City Schools district to implement specialized urban teacher preparation coursework and target professional development, with a particular focus on math and science at the middle school level meant to increase student academic achievement. The "urban teacher strand" targets CCS in-service teachers at the apprentice and professional stages of their careers as well as pre-service teachers at the undergraduate level. Grant funds are used for student scholarships, classroom materials, and grant administration. ●

Tan & Cardinal Gift Club Recognition

The first ever Tan & Cardinal Leadership Giving Society Recognition was hosted by President DeVore at the Little Bear Golf Club on September 11. Investors received an

update from the President, information from the Annual Fund Director **Jennifer Westbrook Waddell '01**, and a "thank you" from former phonathon caller **Nickia Booker '08**.



Upper left: Alma Holl, Maria Fansler. **Upper right:** Jennifer Westbrook Waddell '01, Phillip '66 and Sharon Roberts. **Above:** President Brent DeVore, Patricia Welty Lord, Bill and Susan Westbrook. **Right:** Jean Weixel Reynolds '77, Carol Ventresca '76 (standing) and Karen Kaiser.

Investor Spotlight: Jim Yerina '85

How did Otterbein prepare you for the real world?

Otterbein prepared me for the real world mostly through their co-op program: they helped me find a part time job with the City of Westerville in the Finance Department. I worked there for over two years and that led to my meeting several CPA's from Deloitte, Haskins & Sells (City of Westerville auditors). That helped lead to an internship with Deloitte during the winter quarter of my senior year, and ultimately led to them offering me a full time job after graduation.

What is your fondest memory of Otterbein?

I'd have to say that my fondest memory would be all of the friends which I made at Otterbein. Some of them still live locally and we still get together several times a year.

How did the liberal arts experience also help prepare you for life?

I was able to experience and learn about some things which I otherwise would not have taken the time to experience. The two classes which come to mind are Non-Western Religion and Art Appreciation.

Why do you contribute to the Annual Fund?

I contribute to the Annual Fund because I need to give back. I received scholarship money not only from Otterbein but from one of the endowed scholarships. I would not have been able to afford college if not for that money. I was putting myself through school and every bit of the money I received helped immensely. If other people

had not given money, I probably would not have been able to pay for college. So, if my giving helps anyone in that way, I feel I am helping to do my part.

What single piece of advice would you offer to today's Otterbein students?

If it can only be one piece of advice, I would tell them to slow down. Don't be in such a hurry and try to savor the time you have now.

What, in your opinion, makes Otterbein a good investment?

From a student perspective, I think that Otterbein is a good investment in that it provides a quality education with a personal touch. As a contributor to the Annual Fund, I hope Otterbein will continue to produce educated,

quality people; my contributions (investment) are wise in that I am helping with that process.

What makes Otterbein a great educational experience?

Otterbein is not too big and not too small. I liked the class sizes; it was a lot more personal than the big schools. I actually got to know the instructors and it seemed like more of a learning experience. I talked with a number of friends who went to the larger schools and they had classes where they never actually spoke with the professor. The small class sizes also meant you got to know or meet almost everyone in each of your classes. I remember studying at the library for some accounting exams and nearly the entire class was there studying together.



New Staff for Institutional Advancement



Candace Ott

Joining the staff in Otterbein's Development office are Candace Ott as Assistant Director of Development and Christina Patel as Assistant Director of the Annual Fund.

Candace comes to us from Ohio Wesleyan University, where she served as Director of the Annual Fund and was an employee for five years. Her role at Otterbein will be to meet with alumni, parents and friends to discuss the investment opportunities available, including the Annual Fund, the Science and Equine Campaigns, and endowed funds. A Delaware, OH, resident, Candace is a native of Toledo, OH and 2003 graduate of The Ohio State University. "I was drawn to Otterbein College," Candace said, "because of its mission of educating the whole student and its ability to provide a

liberal arts education while emphasizing its commitment of science literacy for all students. Otterbein has a rich legacy and I am more than excited to be apart of such a great institution. The Otterbein community has been very welcoming and I could not have made a more satisfying decision to come join such a warm and inviting institution."

Christina is a 2007 graduate of the University of Pittsburgh. She was a student TeleFund caller for four years at her alma mater, and looks forward to leading Otterbein's Phonathon. A New Freedom, PA., native, Christina is a personal trainer who enjoys running and lifting. Christina is excited about her work, noting, "I embrace the opportunity to learn more about the College's rich history through future interactions with Otterbein alumni."



Christina Patel

Tribute Gifts for Fiscal Year 2008

Many gifts are made to the College each year in honor or in memory of another. Sometimes it is in recognition of a loved one's birthday or in memory of the wonderful life they lived and positive impact they made on others. During fiscal year 2008 (July 1, 2007 through June 30, 2008) Otterbein received many gifts in memory or in honor of friends, spouses, mentors or children. We gratefully recognize and acknowledge those loving tributes here.

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For a limited time, those of you who are at least 70½ have a unique opportunity to make a gift to Otterbein College directly from your IRA—tax free! You must act now as gifts must be completed by December 31 to be included in the 2008 tax year. Under this provision, the maximum allowable contribution from your IRA is \$100,000. The legislation expires in December, 2009.

- Your gift must be made directly from your IRA to Otterbein to qualify. Contact your IRA custodian to follow guidelines for the transfer.
- There is no charitable income tax deduction for this type of gift. However, because these gifts do not fall under normal deduction rules, you can make gifts in excess of the 50 percent of Adjusted Gross Income ceiling for cash gifts.

If you have questions about this opportunity that benefits both you and Otterbein College, please call 614-823-1305 and ask for Interim Vice President Donna Burtch or Joe Neal, assistant director of Development, 614-823-1957.

An Open Letter to All Otterbein Endowed Scholarship Donors

It's a wonderful and kind thing that you do for the students at Otterbein College. What a wonderful group of people to donate their hard earned money to a scholarship so that young students that you have not even met can continue their education at Otterbein.

Because of the generosity of the Endowed Scholarship donors and others, our daughter Courtney, was able to stay at Otterbein. Because of Courtney's academic grades and dedication to her work and family, Otterbein offered her scholarships. Without you, the donors, this would not have been possible.

Courtney is very proud, as are we, that she will be able to continue her wonderful education at the College she loves. She can't wait to be a first grade teacher and give some of the wonderful experiences that she has learned at Otterbein to her young students.

We hope some day to give back to a scholarship so that another student will be able to complete their dreams also. God bless everyone and thank you.

*Thanks so much,
Jed A. Blair*

Alumni NOTES

compiled by Becky Fickel Smith '81 and Bonnie Robinson

Homecoming 2008

everlasting OTTERBEIN PRIDE

by Jessica Hatfield '08

A packed stadium, over 150 voices singing to celebrate 150 years of Otterbein chorus, 300 celebrating 100 years of brotherly love with two fraternities, over 900 tailgating, over 40 parade entries, and the 25th anniversary of the Class of 1983. If all of this doesn't

show "Everlasting Otterbein Pride," what else could? This and more is what you missed if you didn't attend the 2008 homecoming festivities at Otterbein College.

This year was full of anniversaries and celebrations as two fraternities, Pi Kappa Phi and Pi Beta Sigma, celebrated their 100th year and Lambda Gamma Epsilon celebrated its 60th anniversary. Otterbein's radio station, WOBN, which just changed its frequency to 97.5, also celebrated its 60th anniversary with a reception at Old Bag of Nails Pub. Otterbein Choirs commemorated 150 years with a gala concert at Church of the Master that included 150 alumni singers with former and current conductors.

Homecoming also included a few new traditions in the making with the first annual Athletic Hall of Fame induction honoring 14 individuals, the 1933 men's basketball team, and 1946 men's football team. Also new was the St. Jude two-mile Fun Run/Walk which brought in over \$600 to benefit St. Jude Children's Research Hospital.

A tradition that seems new to current students was the second year of the revival of the homecoming bonfire. Held at 181 N. West Street, over 500 attended to listen to an alumni-based band, Out of Phase, eat s'mores, and drink hot apple cider and hot chocolate. Supportive students heard from the football team and women's soccer team as they encouraged everyone to support them.

The homecoming tailgate, which took place in front of the Campus Center, boasted fun for all ages with tables from local alumni who own home-based businesses, face painting, appearances by Cardy the Cardinal, Smokey Bear, and the Columbus Zoo, student choral group, Six in the City, a juggler, a balloonist, a climbing wall and inflatable play areas for the kids.

Homecoming athletics didn't disappoint either with the football team winning 30-14 against Wilmington extending their undefeated record to 6-0 and the women's soccer team gaining a victory over Heidelberg 4-0. T-shirts were tossed to the full stadium, the Red Zone section came with their game face on and the king and queen were crowned.

If you read this and thought, "Wow! I missed out!" never fear! Otterbein's homecoming for 2009 looks to be just as thrilling with a football game against long time rivals, the Crusaders of Capital University and the Cardinal Marching Band will celebrate 100 years of tooting their horns. Make sure you mark your calendars now for Saturday, Oct. 24, 2009 so that you can show what it means to have Otterbein pride! ●



Reunions!



Pi Beta Sigma had a big turnout for their 100th anniversary. Here members gather at the house at 72 W. Plum St.



Former and current WOBN members gathered at the Old Bag of Nails in uptown Westerville to celebrate 60 years on the air.

Homecoming 2008

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Pi Kappa Phi (Country Club) celebrated 100 years of brotherhood in the parade and at a dinner banquet later in the day.



*Class of 1983 members celebrate their 25th reunion. **1st Row:** Kay Young, Charlotte Latvala, Julie Hupp Krieger, Jerry Parsons. **2nd Row:** Chris Mills, Chuck Castle, Mark Holm, Martha Milligan, Lisa Trochelman Castle.*





Cardinals in Alaska!

It was a luxurious Alaskan Cruise for 44 alumni and friends traveling the Inside Passage and along the great Hubbard Glacier. We viewed bald eagles, humpback whales, grizzly bears, salmon fishing, and dog sledding. Food was abundant with daily buffets and fancy dessert delicacies. The cruise stopped in Icy Strait Point, Skagway and Juneau to experience the culture and scenery.



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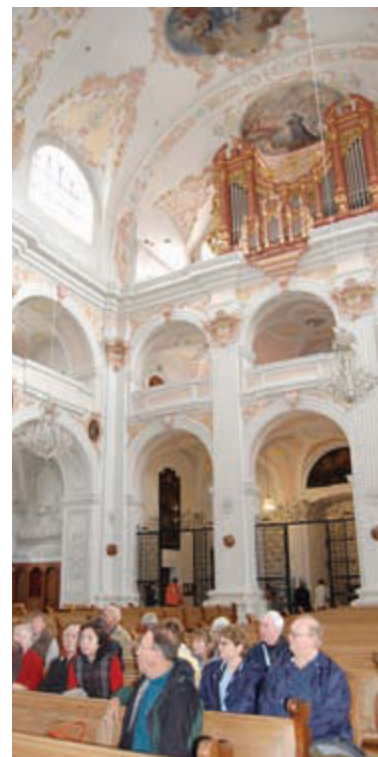


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Cardinals in the Alps!

The hills were certainly alive with the breathtaking views of the Swiss Alps and the scenery of Salzburg, Austria. Alumni and friends learned more of the life of Mozart, his city, his home and his music and visited historical Berchtesgaden. Transferring from Austria to Switzerland, the travelers stopped in Innsbruck and visited the historical Old Town and the famous Gold Roof. Cities visited in Switzerland included traveling to St. Moritz by the Glacier Express train, Lucerne with a historical walk across the Chapel Bridge (Europe's oldest bridge), and the country Liechtenstein.



1977-88 Track Reunion



First Row: Alan Campbell '86, Michael Ginn '85, Jeff Yoest '77, Tom Bachtel '77, Paul Hollern '84, Dave Reed '89, Guido Ricevuto, Mark Puskarich '86. **Second Row:** Craig Merz '82, Paul Collier '86, Pat Bennett '86, Mary Bravard Alpeter '87, Barbara Hannah Gifford '76, Porter Miller '65, Steve McConaghy '87, Scott Alpeter '86, Carl Dufford '77, Kyle

Yoest '80, Bud Yoest '53. **Third Row:** Scott Hill '85, Dick Smith '79, Bill Jones '79, David Lehman '70, Rick Merola '89, John Sharpe '81, Steve Burkhart '80, Jim Puckett '82, Tom Schnurr '88, Eric Karshner '95, Todd Stahr '00.

Join us next year on Aug. 19, 2009 for another reunion for 1977-88 track members.

Save the Date for AlumMatters

Register online for these events at
www.otterbein.edu/alumni click "Events/Registration"

November 30 – Otterbein Concert Choir at Shiloh Baptist Church - 4 p.m. pre-concert talk on Otterbein and the Underground Railroad; 4:30 p.m. concert; 5:30 p.m. reception with African American Alumni Network

December 5 – Deadline for nominations to the 2009 Alumni Awards

January 16 – Alumni Council Meeting, Otterbein

January 17 – Alumni Club of Southwest Florida *Singin' in the Rain* Lunch - 11:45 a.m. followed by the show - 1:15 p.m.; Broadway Palm Dinner Theatre; Ft. Myers, FL

January 21 – Deadline for nominations to the African American Alumni Hall of Fame

January 23 – Cardinal Career Network Luncheon, Otterbein

February 11 – Networking in the Gallery for business students and alumni, Roush Hall, 6 - 8 p.m.

February 14 – Alumni Valentine's Day Dinner Theatre, Otterbein, 6 p.m. (see ad this page)

February 22 – Alumni Club of Southwest Florida Family Picnic at Lakes Regional Park in Ft. Myers, 1 p.m. Free – but bring a side dish to share.

February 25 – Alumna Fellow Melissa Johnson '99 Joanne Van Sant Leadership Series speaker, Roush Hall 114, "Brand Me", 7 p.m.

February 27 – African American Alumni Network Hall of Fame After Work Reception and Recognition, Columbus Urban League, 6:30 p.m. (see page 31)

March 6 - 14 – Otterbein Alumni Travel to Paris (see page 46)

March 21 – Alumni Club of Southwest Florida Annual Ft. Myers Brunch at Colonial Country Club in Ft. Myers

April 17 – Alumni Council Meeting, Otterbein

April 21 – Otterbein Dayton Women's Club features Otterbein's Rwanda Program, 7 p.m.

May 7 – Networking in the Gallery for science students and alumni, Roush Hall, 6 - 8 p.m.

May 17 – Class of '09 event at The Dog Joint, Westerville

June 8 & 9 – Zero Year Reunion for the Class of '09

June 12 - 13 – Class of '59 Golden Reunion Events for Alumni Weekend

June 13 – Class reunions at Alumni Weekend for the classes of '49, '54, '64, '69, '74, '79

June 13 – Graduate Commencement for the Class of '09

June 14 – Undergraduate Commencement for the Class of '09

June 27 – June Bug Jamboree, Waynesville, Ohio

A Valentine Dinner

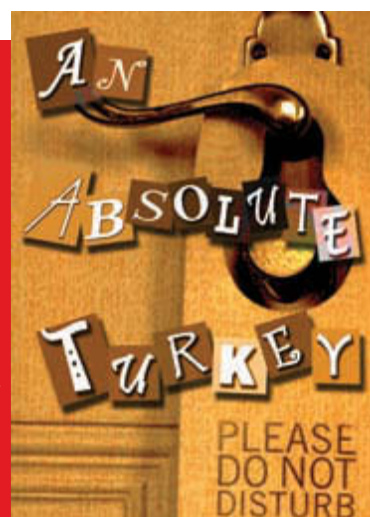
and Theatre production for you and your 'Le Dindon'?

Enjoy dinner at The Old Bag of Nails restaurant followed by Otterbein's production of *An Absolute Turkey*, Saturday, February 14, 6:00 p.m.

In French the title is 'Le Dindon,' plain and simple. It means the turkey -- or the dupe. And the dupe, or the fool, is what every marriage has at least one of. Georges Feydeau's elegantly complex play is brought to life in this witty; seamless and acutely funny translation by Peter Hall and Nicki Frei.

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Saturday, January 17, 2009

Lunch - 11:45 a.m. followed by the show - 1:15 p.m.
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The mission of Otterbein College is to educate the whole person in a context that fosters the development of humane values. Otterbein College is a private, church-related, four-year coeducational college that sponsors traditional and continuing education programs of liberal arts and professional education at Baccalaureate and Master's levels. Our commitment is to the liberal arts as the broad base of all learning.



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